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ADDIS, J.B. & Sons **SHEFFIELD**
Arctic Works, Court 2, Rockingham Street, and 46, (44) Newcastle Street <1879-
Claimed to be established in 1717 in London, moved to Sheffield in the late 19th century; eminent carving tool manufacturers (with saws no doubt factored for them). The firm's history is complicated and not completely documented, with links to **Herring**, and **Ward & Payne**.

Gent's saw c1960

AIRD, William Albert Richard & Co **BRIGHTON**

B c1900

AIRD & ANDERSON **LIVERPOOL**

B c1900

Alexander & Co
Probably a brand, but the firm has not been identified. This name occurs very commonly in Scotland, and although the first large firm that comes to mind is **Mathieson**, there is no documentary evidence.

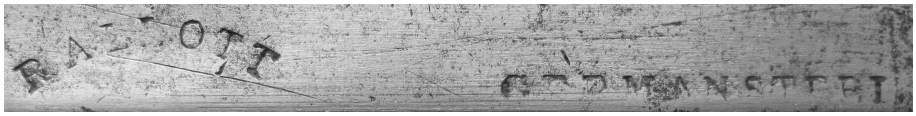
B c1930

ALLAN, Henry **LONDON**

B c1950 65mm

ALLOTT, R. **SHEFFIELD**

A fairly common surname in Sheffield, but the person whose name is on this common quality saw has not been identified. It is possible that it is a brand name, picked from a member of the work force, or a partner's family.



B c1900 65mm

AMESS, John **BIRMINGHAM**

Listed in BPM3 as a toolmaker and dealer at various addresses in the 1880s. The dating of this open-handled backsaw to c1900 could well be wrong.

B c1900 120mm

Anderson, A.

Not identified.

B c1920

ANDERSON, John **SALFORD**

A handsaw of c1900 has been reported for sale: it appeared to be a second quality item, with a London pattern handle.

ANDERTON, Richard **BIRMINGHAM**

B c1825

ANDREWS, Charles Henry **LONDON**

B c1930

ARCHER, Frederick Richard **LONDON**

7-9 Hosier Lane EC <1911>

Tool dealer. In the first edition it was stated that F.R.A, was unidentified, but the appearance of the later back saw makes it very likely that the mark should be attributed to this man.

See also **William H. Archer**.

B c1900

B c1920 19mm

ARCHER, William H. **LONDON**

11 Goodge Street, Fitzroy Square <1841>

Saw and tool maker and dealer. Period of working given as until 1863 in BPM3. In 1911 Frederick Robert Archer was listed as a tool dealer at 7-9 Hosier Street [sic][Lane] EC, London, but no saws attributable to that name and date have been seen, and neither mark illustrated is unlikely to be as late. For revision see **Frederick R. Archer**.

ARDRON, William & Son(s) **BLACKPOOL**

1 Cedar Street <1900-1920>

The firm of this name operated a number of hardware stores in the town until late in the 20th

century (thanks to Blackpool historian Nick Moore for the information that elucidated the illegible name).

B c1910 65mm

ARMITAGE, William Henry **SHEFFIELD**

The marks below suggest a saw made for the American market; the exact form of the medallion has not previously been reported.

B c1860 23mm

25mm

B c1890 69mm

ASHTON, Abraham **SHEFFIELD**

Rule saw c1880 140mm

H c1960 (detail) 110mm

B c1920 68mm

B 1940 ("A.M." is Air Ministry)

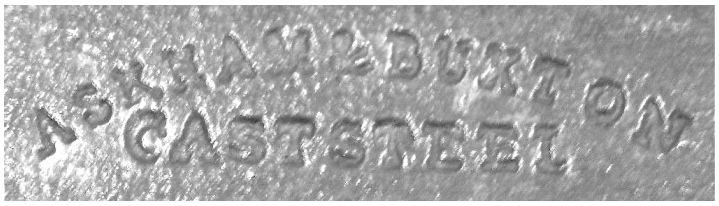
ASKHAM & MOSFORTH **SHEFFIELD**

As so often, there is much information about this company in Tweedale's *Directory of Sheffield Cutlery Manufacturers*. The company was recorded in 1852, with Askham based in New York (the mark below is from a saw found in the USA). By 1855 Askham was the sole owner, advertising the manufacture of a wide range of tools, including saws "adapted…especially for the United States of America". The firm also owned the names *J Ashton* and *J Sharpe*.

B c1880 65mm

ASKHAM & BUXTON

Not identified. The mark was recorded on an open-handled backsaw of uncertain date; the best guess for its date is perhaps around 1880, but the identity of the partners has not been clarified from amongst the many candidates, who might be found in the families of the **Askham Brothers** and **John Buxton**.



B c1880

ATKIN, Aaron **BIRMINGHAM**

B c1830 43mm

H c1880

B c1900 20mm

B c1900

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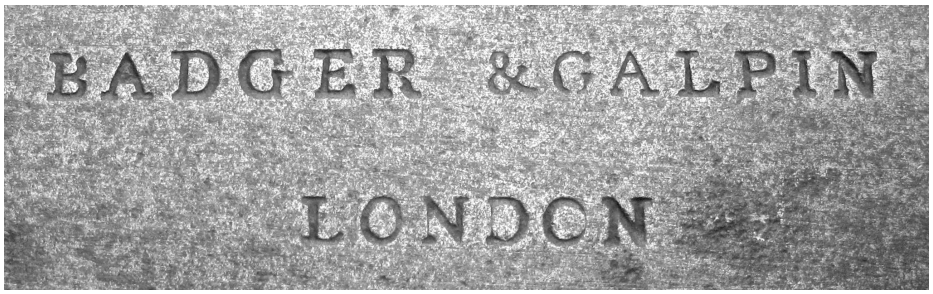
BADGER & GALPIN **LONDON**
Not identified.



H c1900 45mm

BALES, William Denham **CHESTERFIELD**
16 (17) Burlington Road
<1891-1912>
Ironmonger. See **Wilcock**.

H c1910 (Made by **J.B. Wilcock**) 85mm

BALFOUR, Arthur & Co **SHEFFIELD**

One-man cross cut c1900

Hacksaw c1930

BARBER, John **BRISTOL**
Temple Street, Temple <1841>

BARBER, GENN & Co **SHEFFIELD**
The use of a colon in place of the commoner stop is very unusual.

B c1790 23mm

BARBOUR, Sarah Ellen **LANCASTER**
43 North Road <1913>
A back saw of c1910 has been reported, made for this tool dealer by **Groves**.

BARNSLEY, George & Sons *SHEFFIELD*

Henry Harrop married into this firm, which used the word Harrop as a trade mark on certain product lines. He may perhaps have made saws for them, but there is no proof.

BARTON, Adam *BRISTOL*

3 All Saints' Street <1810-1843
Saw maker, plane maker and tool maker (BPM3 states also tavern keeper). In 1843 his goods and

stock in trade (including “saws of every description”) were taken “under a distress for rent” and sold at public auction; he died two years later. His son **William Barton** continued the business.

BARTON, Martha Lucy

8 & 9 All Saints’ Street 1859

Saw maker. Like others of this surname, she also continued a plane making business, having married a plane maker who was the son of Adam Barton (above).

BARTON, William **BRISTOL**

[??6 (7)] 8 (10) All Saints’ Street 1841-1873

Son of **Adam Barton**. In 1835 when his son, also William, was born, he was described as a planemaker. In 1841 until his death he was listed as a saw maker.

BATHO, Benjamin (Senior & Junior) **BRISTOL**

The only working address for these two is Cherry Alley, as in the 1841 Census, when the son was called a saw cutter. The father died in 1837, the son in 1842 (information from Pete Rose). It seems likely that **George Benjamin Batho**, of Nottingham, was another son of Batho senior, who perhaps moved across the country to set up with less risk of family competition.

BEARDSHAW, Jonathan **SHEFFIELD**

The Rosling mark contains the stop between the words Cast and Steel, characteristic of a period up to about 1840; there is no obvious reason why is appears as late as 1880.
The Charles Calow mark is very faded, and from a small cheap handsaw.

B c1830 16mm

B c1840 18mm

H c1870 45mm

B c1880 50mm

H c1900 155mm

B c1920

BEARDSHAW, STEVENSON & Co **SHEFFIELD**

The information in the 1st edition can be expanded: In 1862, Stevenson left to form the file-making firm **Stevenson, Greening & Co**, which in 1868 became **Stevenson, Mawhood & Co**.

BECKETT, Alfred & Sons **SHEFFIELD**

There is no documented connection with **Abram Brooksbank** that might explain why this saw is struck with Beckett's mark on top of his, nor is there any obvious candidate for the initials on the left; as the saw was bought in the USA, it may be that these are the mark of a local retailer.

B c1850

BECKWITH, Henry B. **MIDDLESBROUGH**

83 Newport Road & 17 Linthorpe Terrace, Linthorpe Road, Linthorpe <1913>

Hardware dealer.

B c1910 (Made by **Groves**)

BEDFORD, John **SHEFFIELD**

B c1900

BEET, Jonathan **SHEFFIELD**

B c1860

B c1870 76mm

BEILBY, see **Proctor & Beilby**.

BELL, WATT & Co **SHEFFIELD**

Not identified.

B c1890

BERRY, Frank **LEICESTER**

3 Loseby Lane

A brass-backed saw of about 1900 made for this dealer by Groves was offered online in 2015, with the information that the name of the firm was continued as a scrap merchant on the same site.

BEST, John, Thomas and James **SHEFFIELD**

45 Howard Street <1820-1845>

Cutlers; begun by Thomas Best, who registered a silver mark in 1817, the three listed here (his sons?) were listed as merchants, table knife manufacturers and horn dealers. Second quality backsaws were often made for cutlers, presumably to widen their apparent product range.

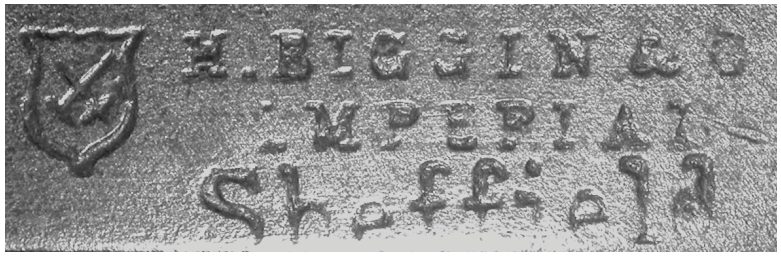
B c1840 (detail: there are three crowns in the usual positions)

BIGGIN, Henry **SHEFFIELD**

73 Peacroft 1864

The Biggin family is not easy to be clear about, being long-lived, engaging in many trades and parents being singularly unoriginal in their choice of forenames. The H[enry] Biggin who marked the saw shown below evidently had some connection with other Sheffield families, the Longs and the Hawksleys, the trade mark here being that of Long, Hawksley & Co. A Henry Biggin was a cutler who specialised in electroplating, in 1864 listing himself as a table knife manufacturer. It is within the normal practice of 19th century Sheffield cutlers to have saws made for them with their

name; with a degree of uncertainty, this saw may be attributed to Henry Biggin, the cutler, perhaps made by Long, Hawksley. See also Long, Gregory & Co.



B c1870

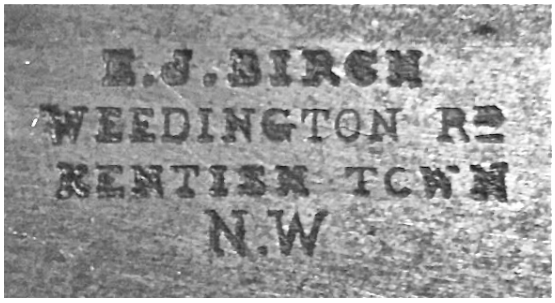
BIGGIN, ELLIOTT & Co **SHEFFIELD**

B c1880 87mm

BIGGS, William **BRISTOL**

61 York Street <1861>

BIRCH, Henry **LONDON**



H c1890

BLAKE, George **SHEFFIELD**

Bc1820

BLAKE, Thomas & Sons **SHEFFIELD**

Assigning this mark to this man is conjectural only, on the grounds of dating. Other backsaws, equally puzzling, are known, marked with the single word Blake.

B c1830 15mm

BLAKELEY, Charles H. **SHEFFIELD**

Keyhole saw c1910

BLYTHE, Samuel **LONDON**

This mark is almost certainly a spelling mistake, as no saw maker of this name has been reported.

B c1850

BOOBBYER, Joseph Hurst & Sons **LONDON**

13 & 14 Stanhope Street, Clare Market, Newcastle Street WC <1882>

Drury Lane & Kean Street, WC2 <1926>

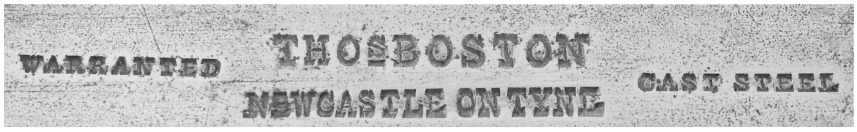
1882: wholesale ironfounders and brass founder; 1926: suppliers of antique ironwork. The family name was of Huguenot origin, and was present in similar trades earlier in the 19th century. In 1926 their catalogue, which can be viewed on line, listed hundreds of items, but no tools. The

iron backed saws of which the marks are shown were presumably factored.

B c1900

B c1920

BOSTON, Thomas **NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE**



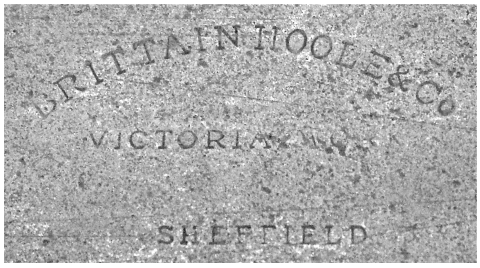
B c1890 82mm

BOTTERILL, George Thomas **GRIMSBY**

141&143 Cleethorpe Road ("At the Sign of the Golden Saw") 1877-1880

The firm, which advertised itself as a general and furnishing ironmonger and "the best house in Grimsby for joiner's tools", was founded in this town, expanding hugely at this date on the herring fishing industry, with money made in the brewing industry in Beverley, 25miles away on the other side of the Humber estuary, but after taking on a partner for more capital, the two were unable to agree and Botterill was obliged to sell out and emigrate to Canada. (Information kindly provided by a member of the family and Grimsby Library). The connection with Thomas Botterill, "chemist etc" remains unknown.

BRITTAIN, HOOLE & Co **SHEFFIELD**



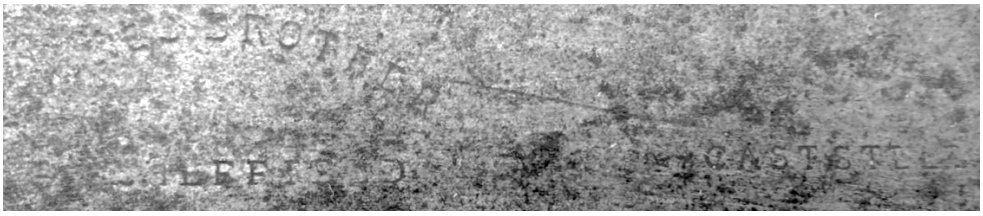
H c1840 81mm

25mm

BRODIE, John **LONDON**

B c1920 60mm

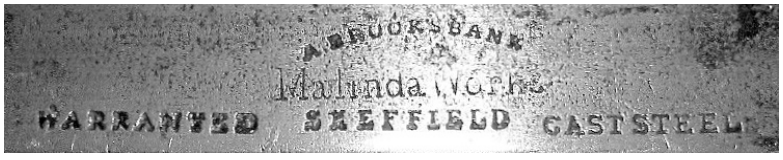
BROOKES Brothers **SHEFFIELD**


H c1870

BROOKES, William & Sons **SHEFFIELD**

Toy saw c1860 28mm

BROOKSBANK, Abram **SHEFFIELD**



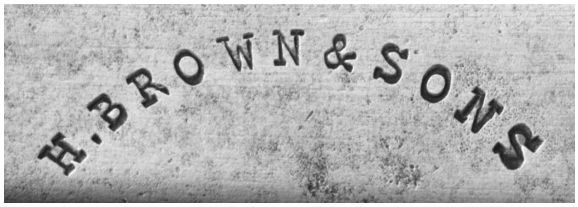
B c1890

B c1930 53mm

BROWN, Henry & Sons **SHEFFIELD**

Western Works, 108 Rockingham Street

In the first edition this maker is listed under **William Brown,** although there is no documentary evidence of a relationship to men of that name.



B c1890

BROWN, John **SHEFFIELD**

B c1850

BRUFORD, John **PLYMOUTH**

65 George Street 1866-1888

Ironmonger, cutler and tool merchant. BPM3 gives the above dates and states that the business was continued as Bruford & Hardy until 1941. A legal document on the website of Plymouth City Council's Archives gives the address as 69 George Street.

B c1880 24mm

BRUMBY & MIDDLETON **SHEFFIELD**

B c1880

BRYANT, F.

Not identified.

B c1900

BUCK Family **LONDON**

H c1890 14mm

BUCK & HICKMAN **LONDON**
It is possible that the letter P in a diamond is a trade mark of **W.&K.C.Peace**.

B c1920

H c1970 155mm

BUCK, James Edward & Sons **PORTSMOUTH**

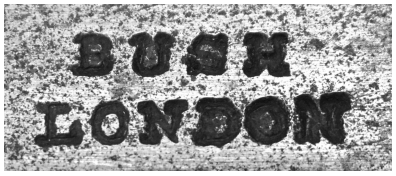
B c1900 26mm

BULLIVANT, W. **SHEFFIELD**
Not identified.

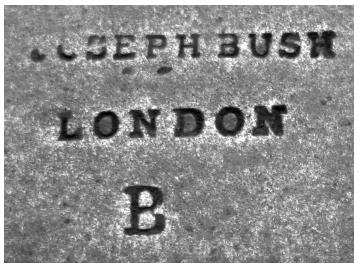
BURLEY, Bennet B. **GLASGOW**
MACKAY, BURLEY & HEYS
76 London Road & 185 Preston Road 1875-1880
& 9 Watson Street off Gallowgate 1881-1890
Listed only as planemakers (details from BPM3)

B c1880 62mm

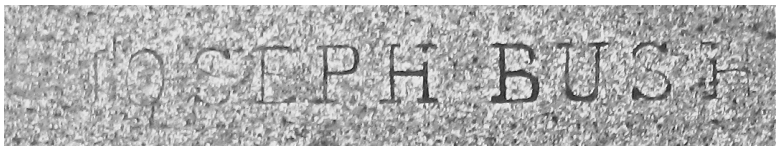
BUSH, Joseph **LONDON**



B c1870 18mm

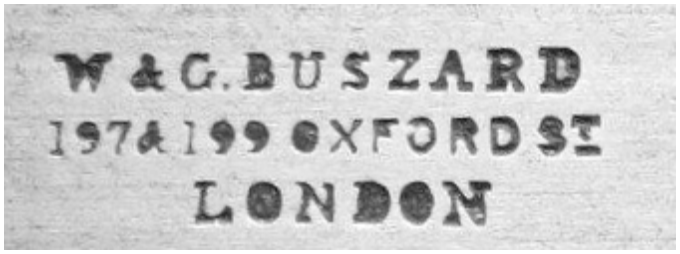


H c1890 22mm



H c1880 18mm

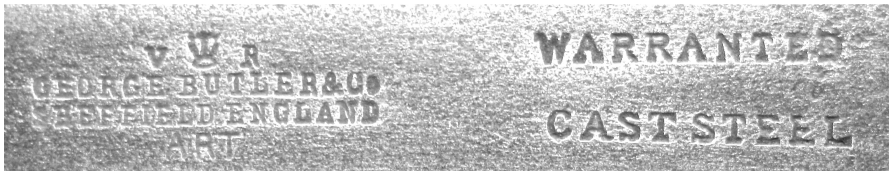
BUSZARD, W. & G. **LONDON**
The firm's premises, a tea room for the fashionable on Oxford Street, were bombed out of existence in 1942.



Gent's saw c1900

BUTLER, George & Co **SHEFFIELD**

B c1880



B c1890 63mm

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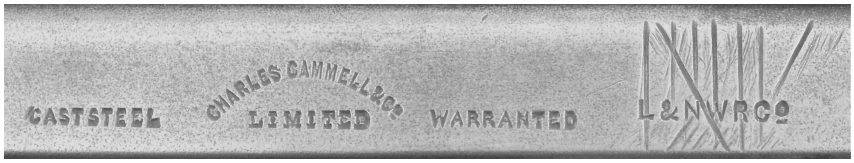
CAMMELL, Charles **SHEFFIELD**

This backsaw mark includes the letters of the London & North Western Railway; the straight lines across them are interpreted as an attempted obliteration, rather than a representation of railway lines.



B c1900 114mm

CARR, George & Son **BRISTOL**

Additional information (from the decennial censuses, thanks to Pete Rose; some addresses may be residential); George Senior was born in Sheffield in 1795, and may have been related to George Carr, of the Isle (1787). One directory refers to the firm as saw cutters, a term seen only in relation to the trade in Bristol.

60 York Street	<1861>
3 Horton Street	1870-
22 Horton Street	1881-
11 Hazelton Road	1891-1911>

CARR, WOODHOUSE & CARR **SHEFFIELD**

B c1825 63mm

CARRICK Brothers **GLASGOW**

B c1930 32mm

CARTER **LONDON**

Not identified.

B c1870

CHANCE, William **BIRMINGHAM**

The handsaw of 1850, which has three medallions, is not marked with a maker's name, but the style of the lettering suggests Taylor Brothers; the Montreal importers were merchants whose dates have been established as 1847-1850.

H c1850 220mm

B c1860

CHANDLER, Francis George **BRISTOL**

Additional information (thanks to Pete Rose).

Gloster House, Brook Road, St James & St Paul	1891-
35 Milk Street (with George Gillard)	1897
8 St James' Churchyard, St James (or Horsefair)	1901-1935

1891: saw maker and victualler; 1897: saw makers; 1911 saw repairer.

CHAPPELL, Henry Joseph **LONDON**

B c1910 35mm

CHEADLE, William **BIRMINGHAM**

B c1850

CHEETHAM, Richard Henry **SOUTHAMPTON**

B c1900 20mm

CHESNEY, A. **EDINBURGH**

This backsaw was made by Colver Brothers, but has a medallion, probably original, of Tyzack, Sons & Turner.

B c1900

CHRISTIE, Richard **BRISTOL**

The information in the 1st edition has been corrected as follows:
Detailed research has uncovered a sad story of a man who, after an apprenticeship in ironmongery in Essex, went on to operate his own shop in Bristol, but maintained a connection in Ipswich, where his wife gave birth to two children; he took over the Horfield Road business in 1865 and moved to Victoria Road sometime in the 1870s. An auctioneer's notice in 1884 announced the sale of his shop goods, which included several types of saw. The last that is heard of him in a trawl of the newspapers (my thanks to Pete Rose for all this) is the account of his suicide in New York immediately on his landing there soon after his selling up; he left a note saying "this was all through Thokip [his Bristol lawyer] and my wife that I died".

The listing of his name in 1890 is taken from a directory which was presumably not updated.

CLARK, John Waters **BRISTOL**

Additional information (thanks to Pete Rose)

Son of a planemaker, and listed as a planemaker himself at various addresses in Bristol, with a single directory entry in 1884 as a saw maker.

CLARKE, Reginald **EXETER**

H c1900 (made by **Garlick)** 117mm

CLEGG, George Dennis **LONDON**

B c1920 (made by **Joseph Tyzack**).

CLOUGH, Robert **WEST HARTLEPOOL**

14 Church Street

<1914>

Ironmonger (listed as Robert H Clough).

B c1900

COLES Brothers **LONDON**

The parts of south London close to Balham contained many people of this surname, but these brothers have not been identified.

Pruning saw c1930

COLLIER, George **LONDON**

B c1930

COLLINGS, J.H. & Co **LONDON**

Not identified; the Smithfield (London's main meat market) address suggests a butcher, with a shop in the suburbs.

Butcher's saw c1910

CONSTANTINE, Alfred & Co **SHEFFIELD**

B c1880 19mm

COOK, C.& Co **LEIGH**

Not identified; Leigh is close to Liverpool, where **Charles Cooke** (note the spelling) operated, as well as in towns nearby, but not including Leigh. It is not impossible that this saw was made for his firm, with a wrongly spelled name.

H c1900

COOK, William & Sons (Glasgow) Ltd **SHEFFIELD**

B c1890 73mm

COOPER & Sons **SHEFFIELD**
The printed mark on this second quality saw includes the firm's trade mark *Fuluse*.

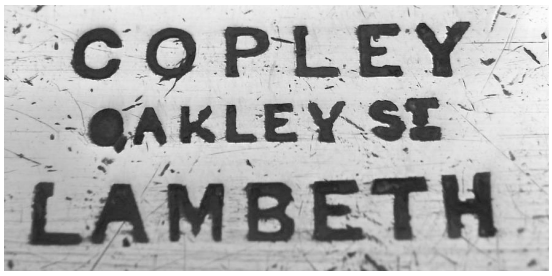
B c1960 105mm

COPE, Frederick & Co **LONDON**
5 Whitcomb Street WC
<1910>
Ironmongers.

B c1910

COPLEY, Albert **LONDON**

H c1930



B c1920

CORSAN, DENTON, BURDEKIN & Co **SHEFFIELD**

A backsaw with an American style etch has been reported from the USA. The firm were general merchants and manufacturers, not least of Bowie knives, and with an extensive trade in America, later taking their New York book keeper into the partnership. After the death of his wife, Corsan himself moved to New York in 1866, but his business quickly failed and he returned to Sheffield (TKB). There is no suggestion that independent saw making went on.

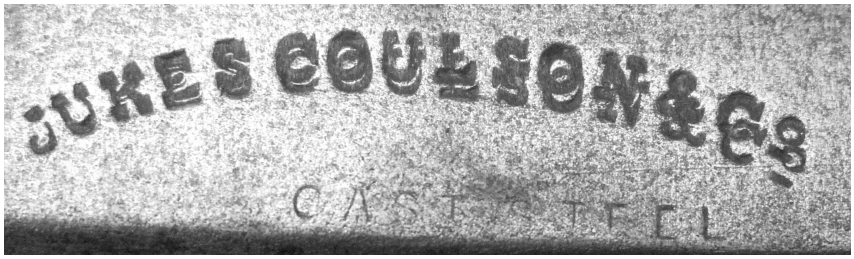
COTTON & JOHNSON **LONDON**

Gerrard Street W <1870-1918>

The cover of a catalogue which appears to be from the early 20th century states that they were lathe, file, mechanical tool and metal merchants, and within is said to list files, lathes, lapidary machines, engineers & gun makers trades, gas & air blow pipes, bellows, torches, pulleys, hangers and gear wheels; their directory entry of 1884 is even longer, but in the same area of manufactures. It was entirely within the tradition of this kind of firm to be able to offer saws, which were not likely to have been anything other than factored for them.

B c1900

COULSON & STOKES **LONDON**



B c1880 35mm

B c1900 73mm

CROSS Brothers **CARDIFF**

B c1900 (Made by **Onions**)

CROW, Edward **CANTERBURY**
16 St George's Street
<1882-
CROW, John
16 St George's Street 1903-
1918>
Cutlers.

B c1880 28mm

CROWNSHAW, CHAPMAN & Co **SHEFFIELD**
Vince Brytus has found that in 1898 they were bought by the Birmingham firm of Bindley & Gell, umbrella makers (and hence users of high quality steel); at that time the Sheffield firm was owned by Joseph Wright, who was probably (the evidence is not clear) another Birmingham man in the metal industries, resulting in the merged companies in 1899 being called Wright, Bindley & Gell, while retaining the Sheffield firm's name presumably for marketing purposes.

B c1900 85mm

CURR, Henry **BRISTOL**
Saw maker, born in Sheffield in 1803, and in the censuses of 1841 and 1851 living in Sheffield. No trace of his work as a saw maker in Sheffield has so far been found. His son, George Barrett Curr, was born in Bristol, listed as a saw maker in the 1851 and living at that time at the same address as his father in Sheffield. It seems likely that both men were journeymen without their own business.

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DAVENPORT family **SHEFFIELD**

Correction. Insert at head of p221 after "…father's address. 1864: legging spring, stay fastener, steel busk etc manufacturer."

In 1839 this family was renting a grinding wheel a long way from the town centre almost at the origin of a small tributary of the river Sheaf; less than 40 years later the same installation was occupied by **William Tyzack**. (The two firms, perhaps coincidentally, shared the name Rockingham for some of their products).

A back saw of c1850 was offered at online auction in 2017, bearing the words Davenport/Rockingham/Engine/Cast Steel; no other saws have been recorded with these words, and their meaning can only be guessed at. One possibility may be that the firm had installed a steam engine, and were keen to advertise the fact, as most motive power in Sheffield at that date continued to be from water.

It is interesting to note that the word German is abbreviated to GERMN on this very early Davenport & Fletcher saw, as it was on many later Davenport saws, such as the table saw of 1880 below.

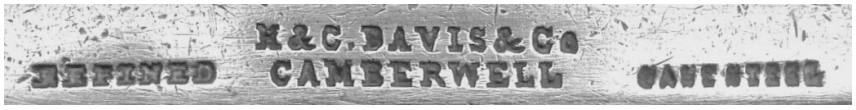
B c1815

B c1840 88mm

This saw was probably when the firm was called Davenport Brothers.

Table saw c1880 70mm

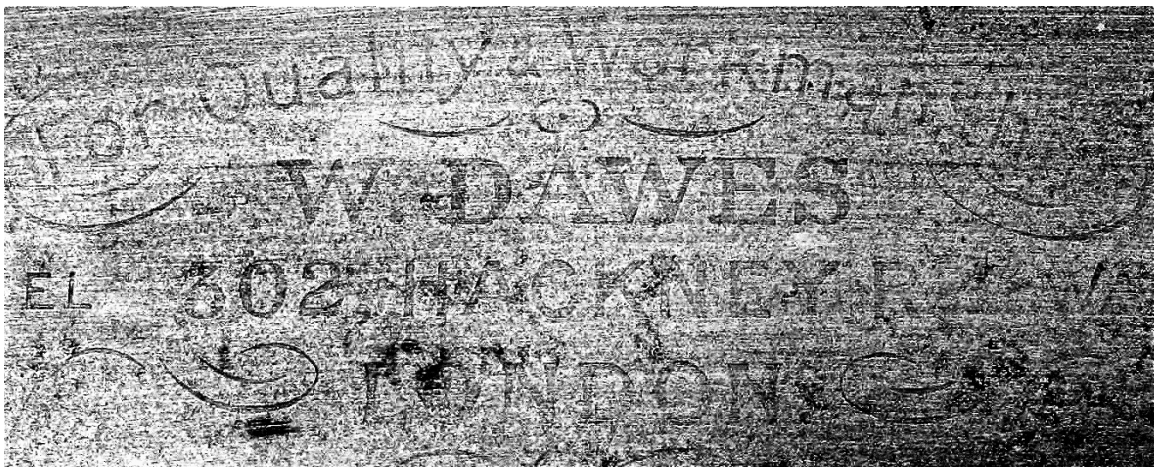
DAVIS, Henry & Charles **LONDON**



B c1900

DAWES Family **LONDON**

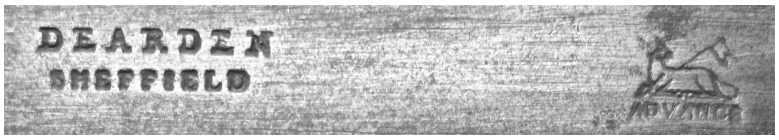
Correction. The illustrations at the head of p224 in early printings should include the one below in place of the Barstow/Liverpool one:



B c1920 (William Dawes) (detail)

Dearden

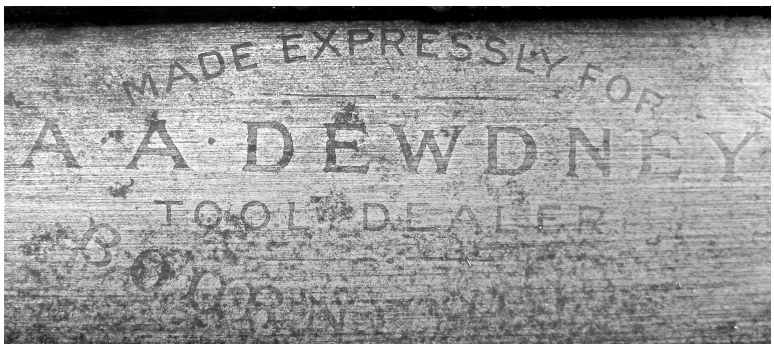
This is presumed to be one of the many brands made by **Taylor Brothers**, whose trade mark is included in a mark which strongly resembled others of theirs; there is no documentary evidence to confirm this guess, and it also possible that one of several men of this surname in Sheffield had the saw factored.



B c1900 68mm

DEWDNEY, Arnold A. **LONDON**

Correction The entry in early printings should include only the illustration below and not the one on p227.



B c1920 60mm

DRABBLE & SANDERSON **SHEFFFIELD**

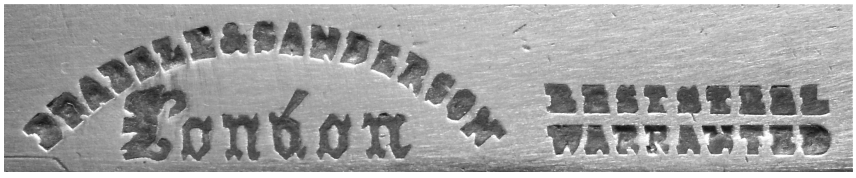
Corrections A) The illustrations at the foot of p231 in early printings should omit the lowest one on the left, and include the lowest one on the right as under:

B c1910 70mm

B) The head of p232 should have the following illustration in place of the first one:

H c1910 120mm (detail)

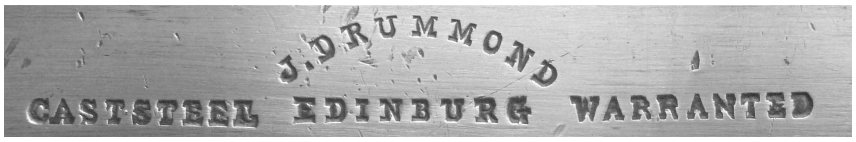
B 1941



B c1880 48mm

DRUMMOND, James **EDINBURGH**

The loss of the terminal h in the place name is assumed to be a defect in the mark punch.



B c1880 90mm

DRYAD **LEICESTER**

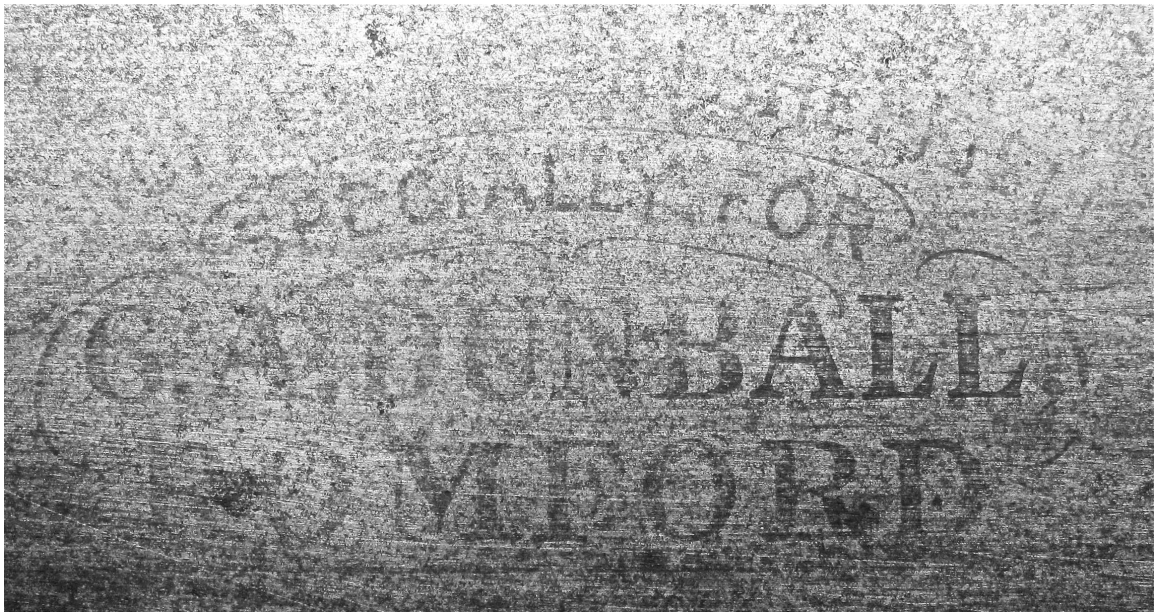
To the gent's saws so far recorded can be added this 8inch brass-backed saw of less than first quality.

B c1970 60mm

DUNBALL, George A. **ROMFORD**

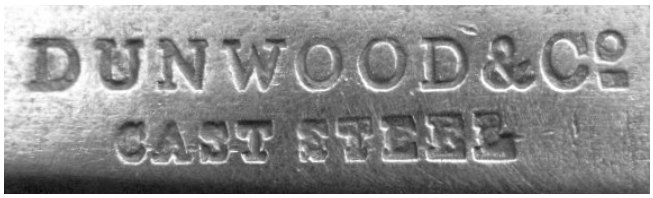
18 High Street <1914>

Cycle dealer; he presumably also dealt in tools, at this date or later.



H c1920 65mm

DUNWOOD & Co



B c1900

DYER, Isaac **LONDON**
9 Verney Road 1890-1899

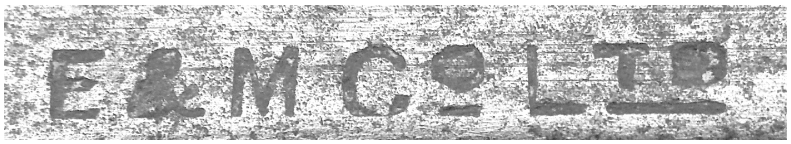
BPM3, from which the dates are taken, describes this man as operating a chandler’s shop. This cheap iron-backed saw, of which the mark is complete, would have been factored.

B c1910 15mm

E

E & M Co Ltd

Not identified.



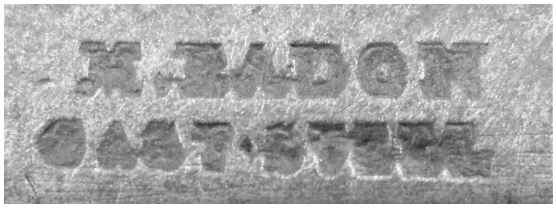
B c1920 19mm

EADON, SHELDON & Co **SHEFFIELD**

EADON, Moses

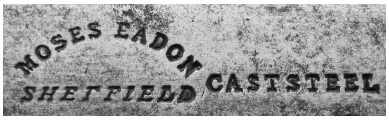
B 1840

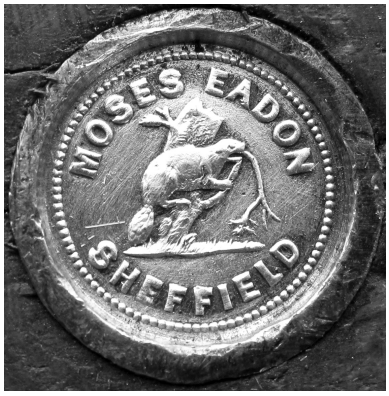
B c1830



B c1840

17mm





B c1850 47mm B c1850 20mm

EADON, JESSOP, FOX & Co **SHEFFIELD**

No saws have been reported from this firm, but a turnscew with their mark has been found in Australia, marked also Cast-hyphen-steel and dated to around 1840.

EAGERS, Joseph **DERBY**

25 Sadler Gate <1891-1912>

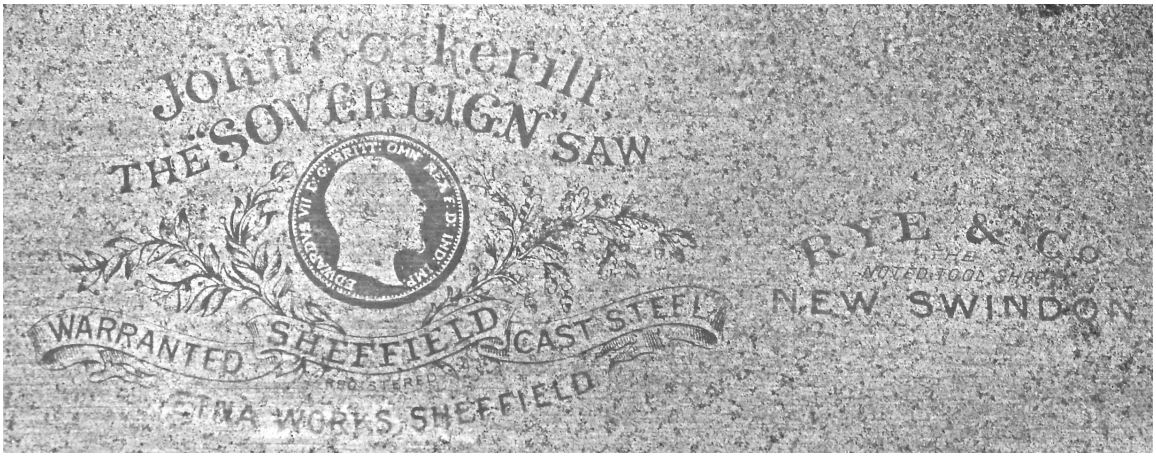
Cutler.

B c1910

EDLEY(S) & RUTHERFORD **SHEFFIELD**

H c1830 26mm

EDWARDS, BAYS & RYE **SWINDON**



H c1910 (Second quality saw, made by Spear&Jackson) 135mm

ELLIN, Thomas R. **SHEFIELD**

Keyhole saw c1920 11mm

ELLIS

It is unclear who made this saw: one of the Sheffield men is the most likely, but it could be by Thomas Ellis of Liverpool, or Thomas Ellis of London, all of whom were working at this date.

B c1825

ELSWORTH, John & Sons **SHEFFIELD**

H c1930

EVANS, Frederick John **LONDON**

A 9in brass backed saw of c1900 has been reported, made for this firm by Drabble & Sanderson.

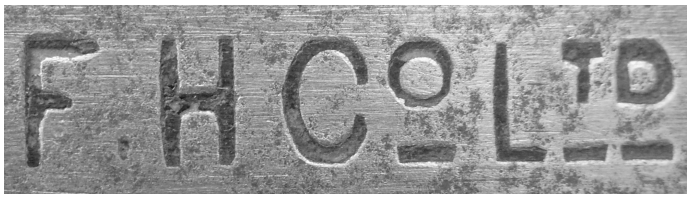
EYRE, Abijah **LONDON**

The editor of BPM4 has been able to show that this man began as a saw maker in Leicester.

B c1870 20mm

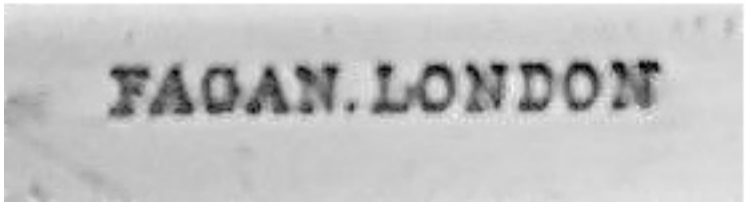
F

F H Co Ltd
Not identified.



B c1910 29mm

FAGAN, W.H. & Son **LONDON**



Gent's saw 20th century

FAIRCLOUGH, R. & Co **LIVERPOOL**
The firm is described in BPM3 as making planes and edge tools between 1816 and 1883, but saws with the name are commonly found, for example by **Moses Eadon** (*q.v.)* and **Wheatman & Smith**.
The mark below does not have any other maker's name, nor does it include the words "Silver Steel/Elastic Spring Temper/Warranted" such as **Groves** and **Colver Brothers** habitually used, but it seems likely to have come from one of these two, both of which are recorded as making for Fairclough.

B c1880

FALLSHAW, George William **LONDON**

B c1880

Keyhole saw c1880 22mm

FEARNEHOUGH, W. **SHEFFIELD**

The mark below is complete, and is unusually concise for a Sheffield saw of this period. It is assumed, in accordance with the firm's statement, to have been factored.

B c1860 28mm

FILMER & MASON **GUILDFORD**

119 High Street <1878-1891>

1878: engineers, iron founders and ironmongers etc; 1891; wholesale and retail ironmongers and hardware merchants; by 1913 they had been succeeded in the same trades by W.J.Brown & Co, at 185 & 186 High Street.

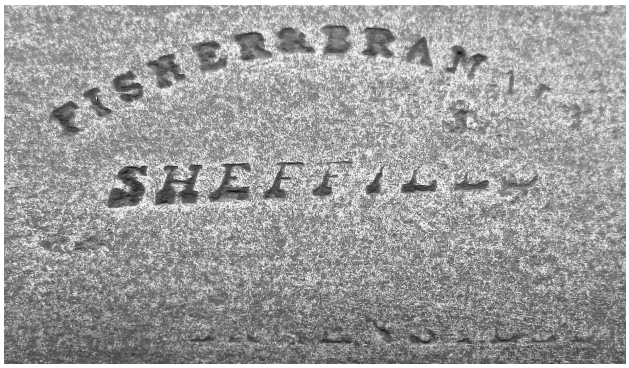
B c1900

FISHER, O. **HULL**

No identified.

B c1910

FISHER & BRAMALL **SHEFFIELD**



H c1860 30mm

FLETCHER, Charles **SHEFFIELD**

Table saw c1850 65mm

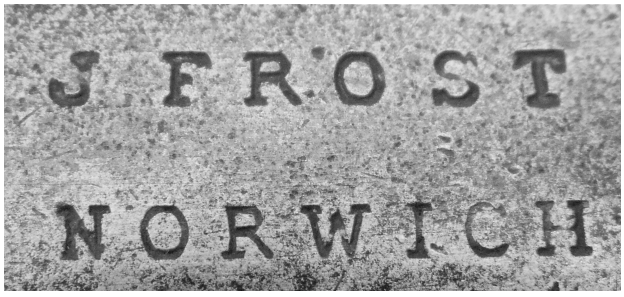
FOX Brothers **SHEFFIELD**

Delhi Works, Henry Street 1896-1909

Engineers' tools manufacturers, American brace manufacturers etc. One of the brothers was Thomas. A unique design of hack saw by them has been reported; the backsaw, mark below, was probably factored, and may well have been an export variety for North America.

B c1890 31mm

FROST, JAMES **NORWICH**



B c1880 23mm

FROST & BARRETT

H c1910

F.R.A.
In the first edition this was said to be unidentified, but now see **Frederick R.Archer**.

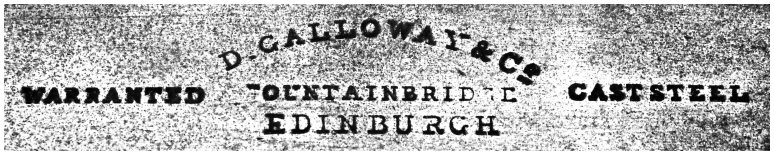
Furnival
Not identified; the mark is from a cheap branded saw, but the maker is unknown: it is possible that it is by **J.M.Thropp**, who did not make high quality tools.

B c1930

G

GALLOWAY, D. & Co **EDINBURGH**

B c1900 (Made by Garlick) 95mm



H c1890 79mm

GARDNER, Thomas J. **BRISTOL**

A brass backed saw of c1900 made for the firm by J. Tyzack has been recorded.

B c1890 (Made by Garlick)

B c1890

GARLICK, Charles **SHEFFIELD**

B c1890 52mm

Butcher's saw c1930 65mm

GEORGE **LONDON**

This firm, presumably a dealer, has not been identified.

B c1920 20mm

George Hall Saw, see Samuel Newbould (Newbould, Ridge & Wilde).

GILL, Thomas **BIRMINGHAM**

The mark shown here is unique, being struck into the handle and including at this very early date the place of manufacture; there is also a mark struck with the words "Thos Gill" into the blade but too indistinct to reproduce. The saw, sadly shortened but otherwise in quite good condition, came from a farm in the south east of the USA and may have been there since it was bought new. It has very generously been given to the Ken Hawley Collection.

B c1780

GILLARD, George **BRISTOL**

Additional information (thanks to Pete Rose; some addresses may be residential).

5 (20, 19, !9A, 19B) Cannon Street, St James' Churchyard <1861-1891>

(as Gillard & Chandler) 35 Milk Street, St Paul 1897-1906

The business was still listed under saw makers as G Gillard, at 26 Milk Street in the 1923 directory.

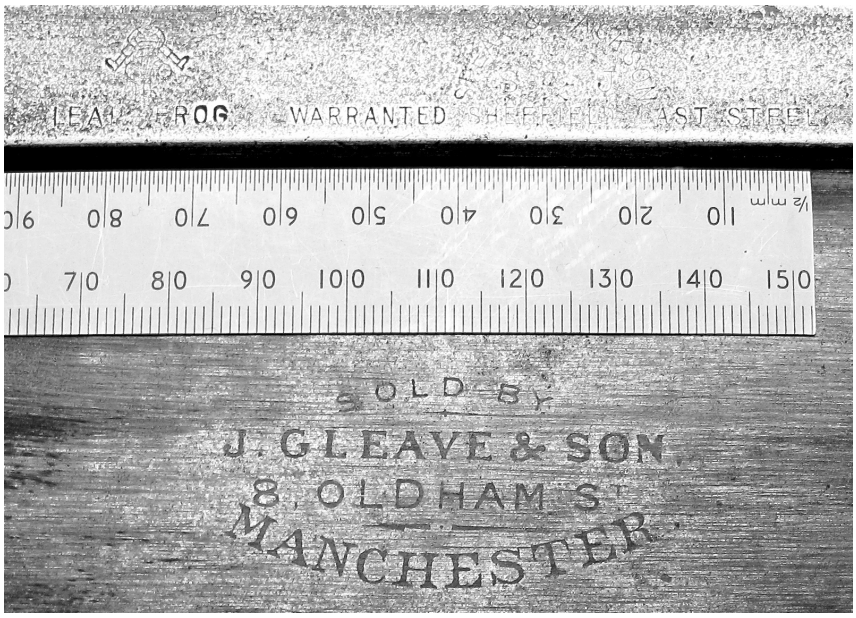
See also Taylor & Gillard.

The trade card (my thanks to Jane Rees and James Ayres for the image) has the date 1875 pencilled on the back. The ‘patent French bandsaw” has not been identified.

GLEAVE, Joseph **MANCHESTER**

Saws (two different qualities shown here) made for this firm by Spear & Jackson have not previously been recorded.

B c1900



B c1900 86mm

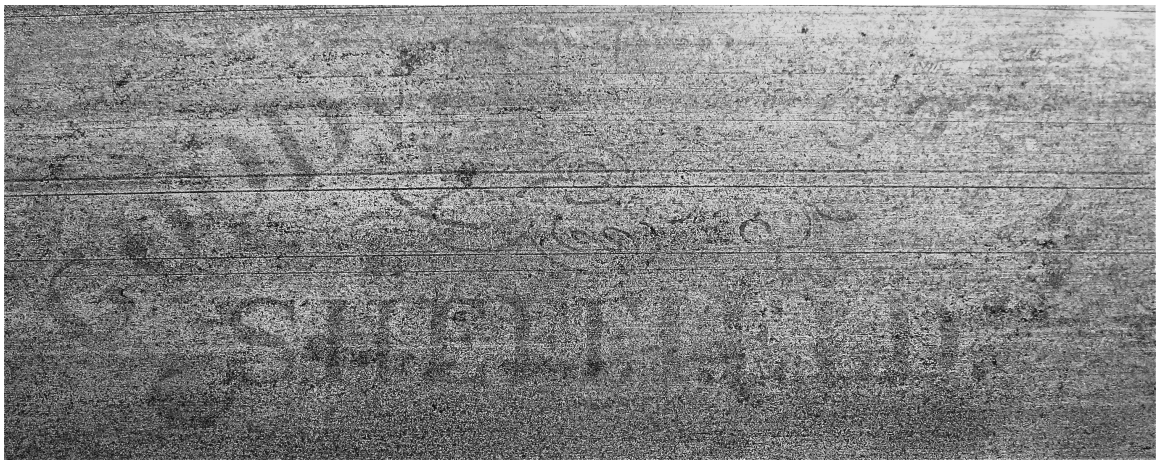
GODFREY, Philip **STRATFORD**

29 (6) Leytonstone Road <1896-1914>

Ironmonger. This area of this London suburb was also known as Maryland Point.

H c1900 35mm

GOODWIN & Co **SHEFFIELD**



B c1960 90mm

Goodwin, Barker & Co, (<u>Corrections</u> (early printings): see **Barker & Holy**; and Omit words "Took over premises of **J.C.Millard**."

GRAHAM, William **PERTH**
10 (6) Hospital Street 1905-1990
The first owner of the business was succeeded by his three sons, the last of whom died in 1990. The shop was first described as for the sale and repair of saws, with William Graham always being named as a saw maker. Saw benches and portable saw mills were added in 1940s and 1950s. A handsaw of c1930 has been recorded.
It is not known if there was any connection with the firm of the same name in Forres (also in the Scottish Highlands, but well over 100 miles away).
Information thanks to Perth Library Archivists.

GRAINGE & SMITH **LONDON**
Correction (early printings) Add "Took over premises of **J.C.Millard**."

GRAVES, J.G. **SHEFFIELD**

H c1920 90mm

GRAY, George & Thomas **SHEFFIELD**

B c1870 65mm

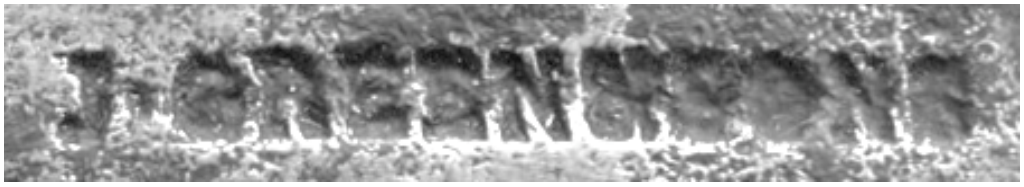
GREAVES & WALKER **SHEFFIELD**
Portobello Street <1837>
Edward Greaves and Henry Greaves Walker, merchants, steel refiners, and saw and edge tool manufacturers. A Nathaniel Greaves was listed as a merchant and manufacturer, maker of edge tools and cutlery, and a converter and refiner of steel in Portobello Street from 1828-1841; at his home address (in an expensive western part of the town), his profession was given as “saw etc manufacturer”. It may be that the two men of this partnership were some of the next generation starting out with a separate business.
A brass-backed saw of c1830 has been recorded at online auction.

GREAVES, John **SHEFFIELD**
In the 1839 directory he is listed as a brass founder, and manufacturer of steel, saws, files, edge tools and joiners’ tools etc. This was a frequent way of a small-time maker and dealer describing themselves in more grandiose terms than the size of their business might warrant. He is not included in the classified list of saw makers in that directory.

GREEN, Isaac **LONDON**

H c1870

GREEN, Jane & Sons **SHEFFIELD**


B c1820

GREEN, Thomas **SHREWSBURY**
13 Pride Hill <1880>

B c1880 (Made by **Thomas Turner** [Suffolk Road])

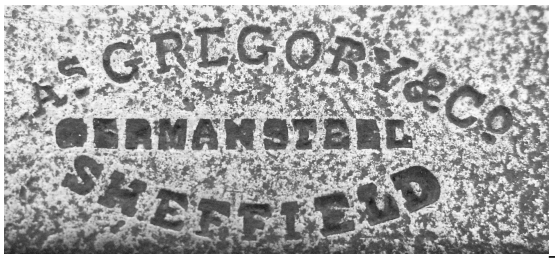
GREEN, PICKSLAY & MILLINGTON **SHEFFIELD**

B c1830

GREGG, James **LONDON**

B c1920

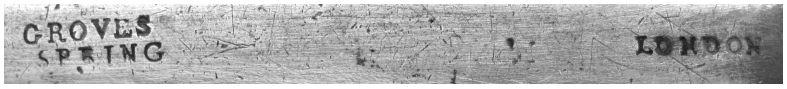
GREGORY, James **SHEFFIELD**



B c1870 28mm

GROVES, Richard **SHEFFIELD**

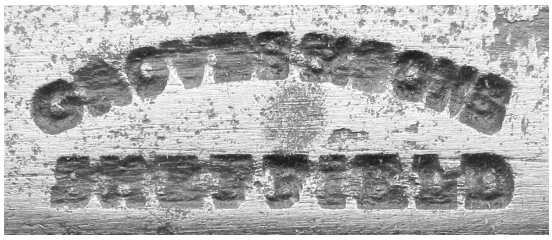
The mark on this backsaw (the earliest saw recorded by Groves) is identical in wording and layout to a very similar backsaw by Kenyon, dated 1797, in the Seaton Chest (2nd edition, p51).

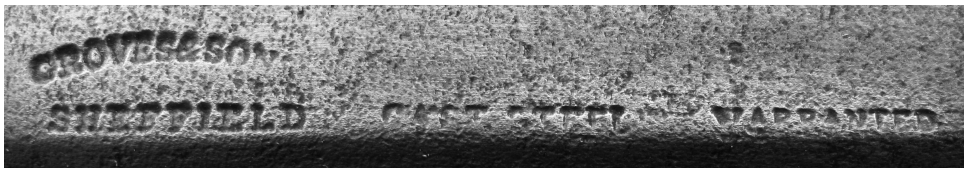


B c1800 80mm

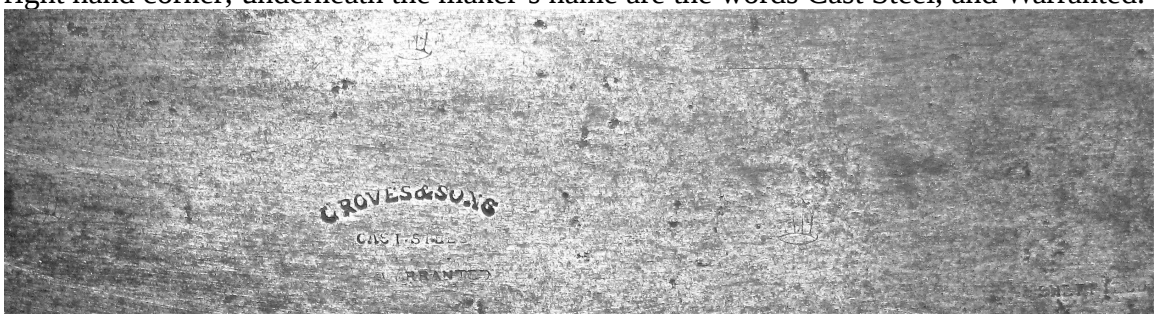
Bowsaw for iron c1820

B c1830

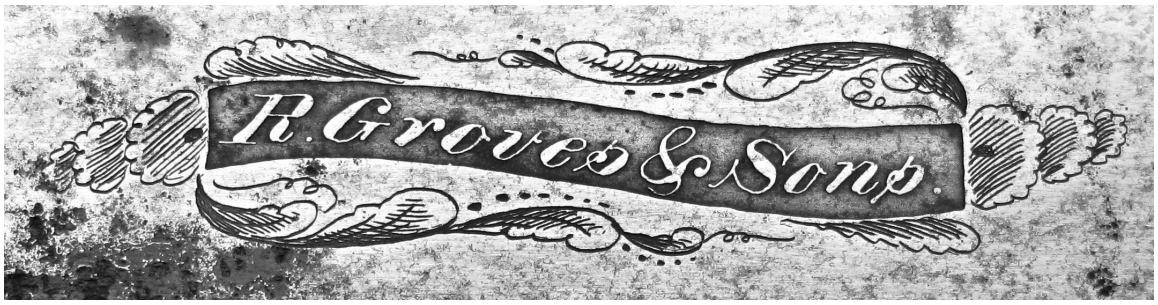

B c1830 17mm


B c1830 53mm

This mark has three crowns in the usual positions, and the word Sheffield in the bottom right hand corner; underneath the maker's name are the words Cast Steel, and Warranted.


H c1830 150mm

This elaborate mark is from a saw, mahogany-handled, that was probably made as a one-off, perhaps as an exhibition piece, or for a presentation.

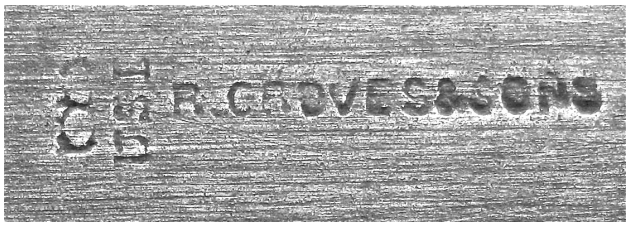


Toy grafter c1850 75mm

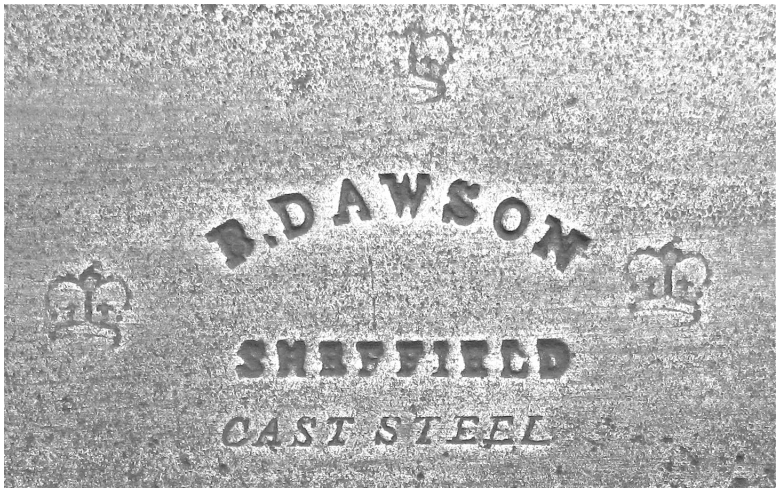
H c1850

The wording of this mark is slightly different to the three lines that the firm used on their backsaws from c1840 onwards.

B c1870


Keyhole saw c1880

B c1870



Grafter c1900 35mm

H c1910

Grafter c1890

H

H.A.G. & Co.

Not identified: the words Sheffield Made may indicate a retailer anywhere in Britain.

B c1920 39mm

HALL, Clay (& Sons) **NOTTINGHAM**

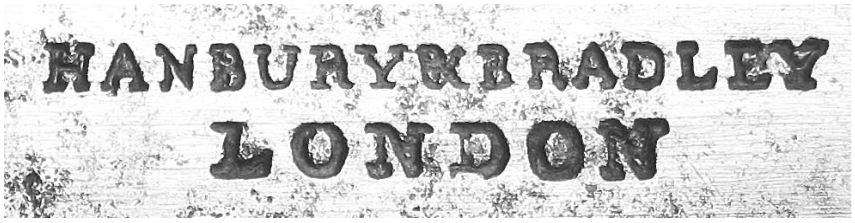
93 (93 & 95) Derby Road <1885-1916>

1885: general and furnishing ironmongers, and suppliers of electroplated goods; 1904: ironmongers. The “branches” referred to in the mark below have not been identified.

Grafter c1900 90mm

HANBURY & BRADLEY **LONDON**

No documentary evidence for this firm has yet been found, but it seems a reasonable assumption that it may have been a partnership of Henry Hanbury and Richard Bradley, who in the 1830s both had addresses close together in Soho, an area of furniture making at the time.



B c1830 30mm

HANBURY, Henry **BRISTOL**

Born in Sheffield in 1788, and in the 1861 census listed as a saw maker at Narrow Weir.

HANBURY, Henry **LONDON**

The mark is obviously intended to obscure name of the person who presumably made the saw; a second assumption is that this is the London, not the Bristol, Hanbury. The 8-inch brass back saw was originally made perhaps around 1820, but the date when the Hanbury name was added cannot be known.

HANCOX, Joseph **KINFARE**

Known only from a single backsaw and an insurance policy taken out in 1781 for £700, describing him as a saw maker; the fairly large sum suggests that he was aiming to protect something more than just a domestic property. The village, now called Kinver, lies within the local area of iron-working in Staffordshire known as the Black Country.

The mark shown was struck upside down and quite close to the handle, and it may be that this man was not very well used to making saws.

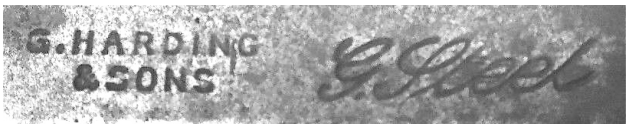
B c1780

Handy; not identified, and very likely to have been a brand name for a cheap product line.

Keyhole saw c1900 15mm

HARDING, G. & Sons

This maker remains unidentified, but saws with their mark continue to be reported, some using the uniquely styled “G.Steel”, ie German Steel.



B c1910 25mm Bc1900

B c1910

HARDY PATENT PICK COMPANY Ltd SHEFFIELD

H c1930 80mm

HARLEY John James LIVERPOOL

B c1900

B c1920

HARRIS, Woolf & Son **LONDON**

30B Commercial Road East <1895>

Birmingham and Sheffield warehouse. This attribution is tentative only; more examples are needed, not least because there is more than one Commercial Road in London alone.

B c1900 34mm

HARRISON, John **BRISTOL**

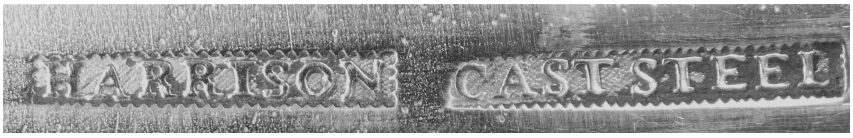
Born in Sheffield in 1800, and in the 1851 census listed as a saw maker at 68 Temple Street. He may have been only a journeyman.

HARRISON, Thomas **SHEFFIELD**

This saw is difficult to date, but the similarity in the lettering of the back saw of c1760 (1st edition, p309) justifies giving it a similar date.

B c1760 35mm

HARRISON, John



B c1800 43mm

HARRISON Brothers & HOWSON **SHEFFIELD**

The mark, overstruck with a much bolder punch, suggests the quality control department was perhaps not satisfied with the first version, or that the firm returned it for improvement to the saw makers who had made it for them.

B c1880 30mm

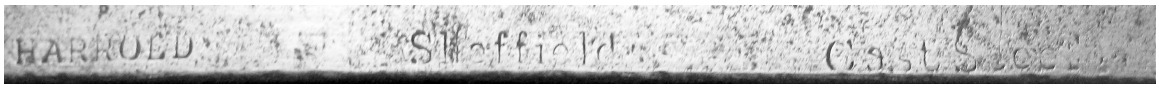
HARROP, Henry **SHEFFIELD**

His status as an independent saw maker is doubtful. The 1861 census gives his occupation as saw manufacturer, and the trade directories from 1874-1884 list him first as a saw manufacturer and then as a saw manager, without specifying the firm; he married Barnsley's daughter, and died in 1888. It is conceivable, but unproven, that he made saws for Barnsley, as the firm used the word Harrop as a trade mark until the early 20th century. Other firms used family names as trade marks on product lines (*eg* Calow, by Jonathan Beardshaw). No saws marked with his name have been so far recorded.

HARROLD **SHEFFIELD**

116 Rockingham Street 1876

General cutlery merchant. No connection has been documented with the several men of this surname in Birmingham, and his name is in only one directory. It can only be surmised that he was in business in Sheffield for a short time, having factored for him this saw and probably the one shown in the first edition of this book.



HASSETT, Matthew **BRISTOL**

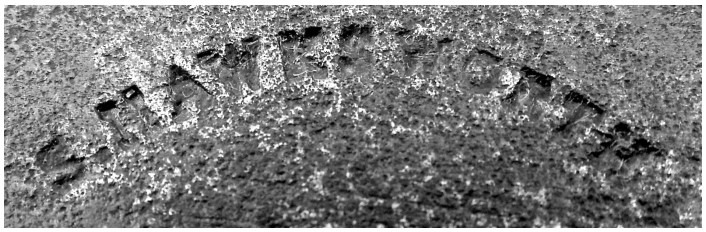
Listed in the 1911 census only as a saw maker at 3 Brandon Street, Lower College Green.

HATCH, George **LONDON**

H c1910 80mm

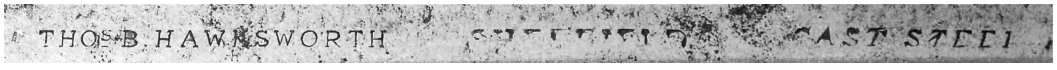
HAWKSWORTH, S. **SHEFFIELD**

Not identified. A backsaw with this name was auctioned in 2015; it appeared to have been made in about 1880, and may well be a brand of a saw firm. The handsaw mark may be similarly a brand.



H c1900 23mm

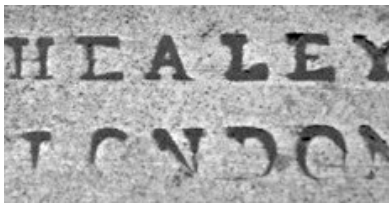
HAWKSWORTH, Thomas Buxton **SHEFFIELD**



B c1860

HEALEY **LONDON**

Not identified, but a strong contender would be Charles Healey, chairmaker, of 27 Mintern Street, Hoxton (<1882-1910>); this furniture-making area supported many workers in wood who often specialised in making furniture parts, and who frequently dealt in tools. Because these London handsaws of the period were so characteristic and similar, it is tempting to think they all came from one maker; none is documented, but a guess might be J.V.Hill, the long-lived and perhaps most succesful maker in 19th century London.



H c1900 17mm

B c1900 18mm

HEDGCOCK, Joseph Flavel **LONDON**

Metal merchant.

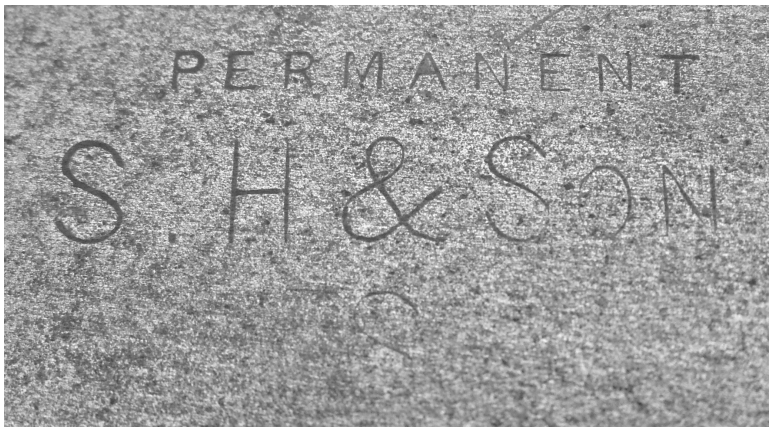
14 Little Compton Street W >1882>

B c1890 23mm

HIBBERT, S & Son **SHEFFIELD**

1901: cutlery etc manufacturers.

B c1900

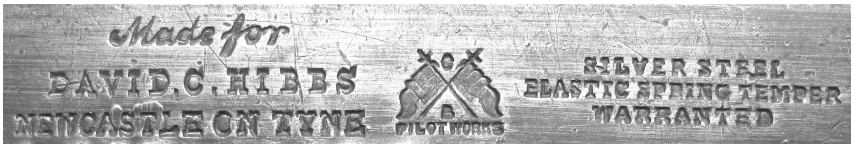


Grafter c1900 29mm

HIBBS, David Charles **NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE**

Forsyth's Court, Percy Street <1894>

Wholesale ironmonger.



B c1900 (Made by Colver Brothers) 95mm

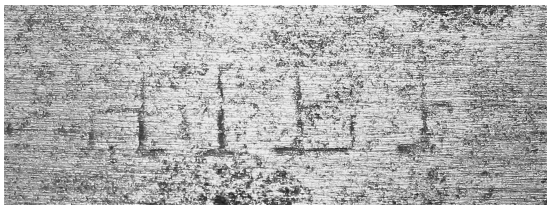
HILDICK, Aaron **SHEFFIELD**

The sole catalogue entry showing that this firm which specialised in plane irons sold saws gives their mark as Thompson & Co; the saw shown here is likely, but not certain, to be theirs.

B c1900 27mm

HILL, Joseph Vaughan **LONDON**

The mark, like others which are a surname only, can be only tentatively attributed.



Keyhole saw c1910

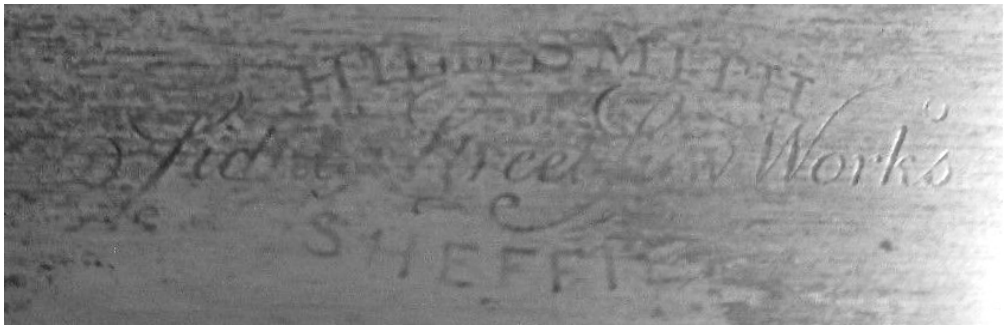
HILL, Robert **BRISTOL**

The entry can be extended with this information from Pete Rose.

A George Hill (born in 1876) is presumably the son of Richard Hill; described as a saw maker of circulars and hand saws, his addresses, some of which may be residential were

1 Carolina Avenue, St James	1901
4 Churchland Road, Bedminster	1911
(under Hill & Sons, saw makers in a directory) Peel Street, Pennywell Road	1923

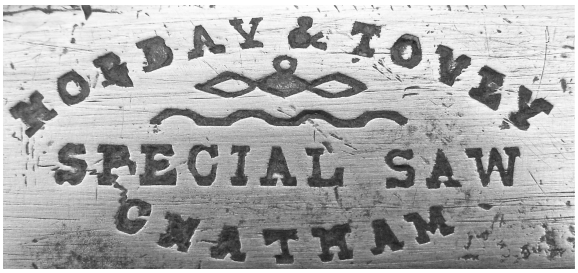
HILL & SMITH **SHEFFIELD**



B c1930

HOBDAY, Henry Amos **CHATHAM**

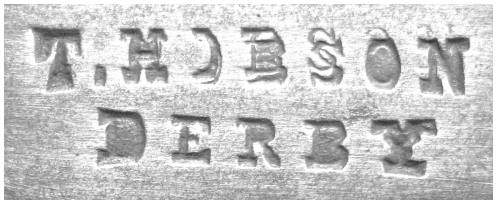
Before he worked on his own, he was in partnership with John Tovey from 1886 until 1889 (thanks to the late Richard Filmer for this information), the two taking over from John Osborn, tool dealer and toolmaker (BPM3). The spelling of his Folkestone shop was Foord Road, not Ford Road, as in the 1st edition.



B c1890 (made by Thomas Turner)

HOBSON, Thomas **DERBY**

B c1880 50mm



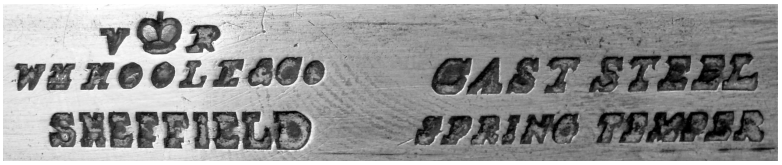
H c1880 23mm

HOLLAND, John **LONDON**

Information from Lee Richmond (of Herndon, Virginia) emphasises Holland's metal plane making business (he was two doors away from Norris) which, with its successors at the same address, was the longest lived business of its kind. Tools other than planes and saws are found with his name.

H c1870 22mm B c1880

HOOLE, William **SHEFFIELD**



B c1850 52mm

HOPKINSON, Arthur Fred **LONDON**

1A (4) Delancy Street, Camden Town 1893-1918

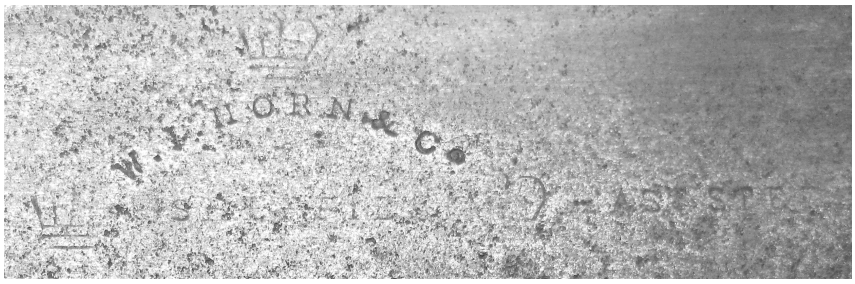
This member of the large clan of saw makers was listed with the plane makers only (his dates are taken from BPM3).

B c1890

HORN, William Ibbetson & Co **SHEFFIELD**

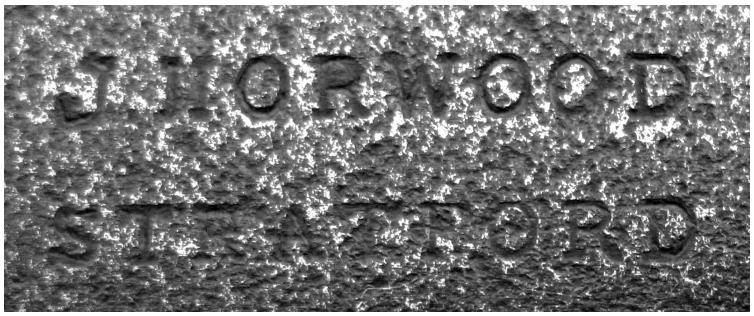
B c1840

B c1870 66mm



Grafter c1870 60mm

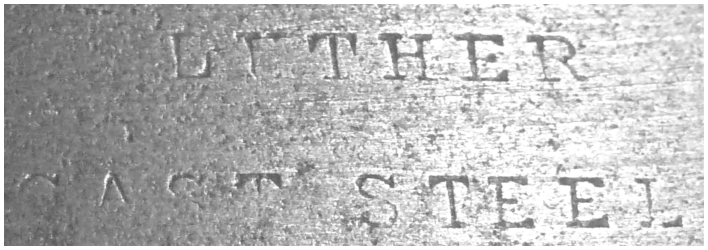
HORWOOD, Joseph **LONDON**



H c1890 25mm

HOULDSWORTH, George & Luther **SHEFFIELD**

This mark, presumably of a brand product line, may be by one of these two makers, but there is no confirmatory evidence.



Toy grafter c1890

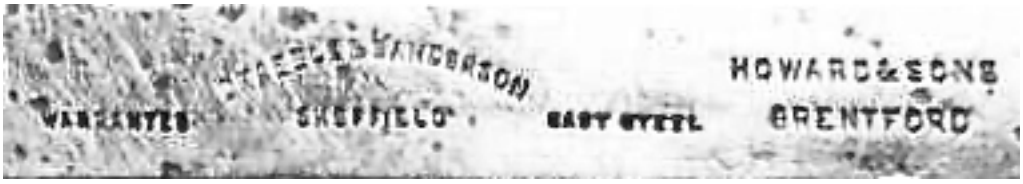
B c1900 25mm

HOUSE, A. **LONDON**

A cheap handsaw of c1900 has been reported, struck marked A. House/German Steel/three crowns.

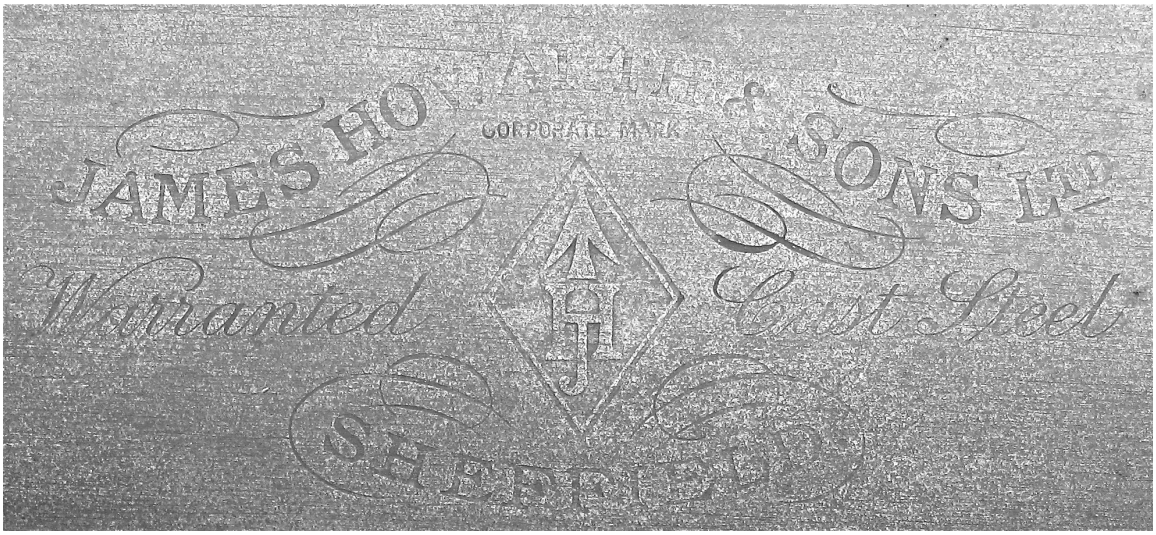
HOWARD & Sons **LONDON**

Correction Insert this illustration of the saw referred to.



B c1920

HOWARTH, James & Sons **SHEFFIELD**



H c1910 105mm

HOWDEN, Samuel & Robert **MANCHESTER**

B c1870 60mm

HOWSON, Robert **BLACKBURN**

68 Darwen Street 1881-1909

28 Grimshaw Park 1909

25&27 Mincing Lane 1915>

Variously described as a joiner's tool dealer, ironmonger and cycle dealer.

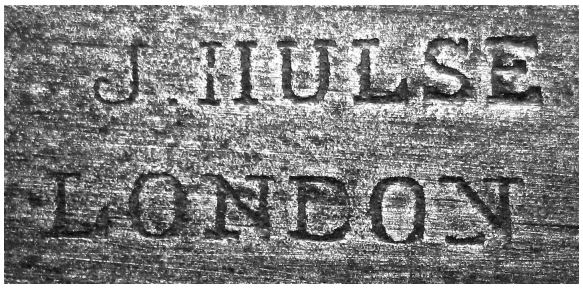
B c1900 92mm

HUGHES, Edwin **LEITH**

B c1880 55mm

HULSE J. **LONDON**

Not identified. The mark illustrated is from a typical London handsaw of the last 20 years of the 19th century, almost certainly factored for a dealer.



H c1880, 20mm

HUMFREY, William Perry **LONDON**

28 Northumberland Grove, Tottenham <1915>

Tool merchant; in 1915 he registered a patent for improving the performance of a wet grindstone.

B c1920 55mm

HUNT, Mary & Son **LEICESTER**

Church Gate <1835>

HUNT & PICKERING
14 Gallowtreegate & Church Gate <1864>
14 Gallowtreegate & 85&87 Church Gate <1870>
1835: ironmongers, and iron and steel merchants; 1870: ironmongers, cutlers etc at the first address, and agricultural implement manufacturers at the second.
In the 1841 census the son of Mary Hunt was William (then aged 25), and included in the household was an apprentice, Joseph Pickering (17), the two men presumably forming the later partnership (my thanks to the staff of Leicester Record Office for this information). It was rare in the 1830s for a woman to head a hardware business, and it seems a strong possibility that Mary Hunt had for some reason taken over from her husband, later handing over to her son and the apprentice.

B c1840 17mm

HURST, William **LONDON**
An iron-backed back saw, of an appearance consistent with a date of c1840, was sold at online auction in 2017; the mark shown here is not at all fitted to that date, and cannot reliably be attributed to this maker.

B c1890

Hutchinson, P.
Not identified, but presumably the brand of a second quality product line.

B c1880

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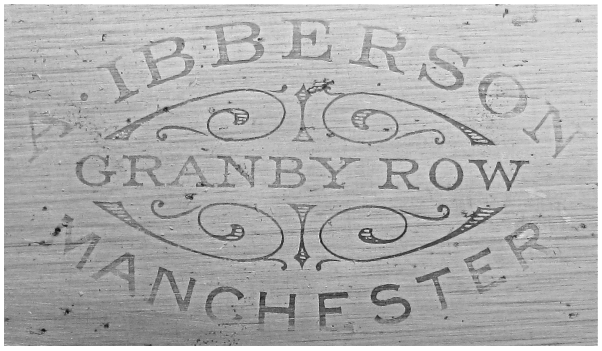
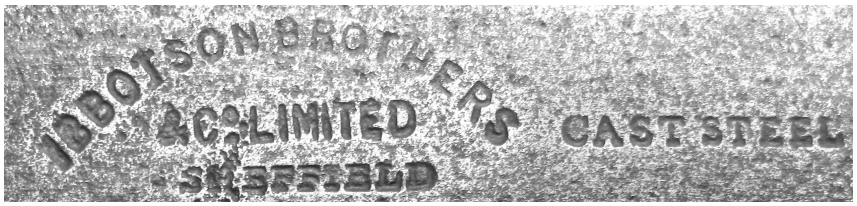
IBBERSON, Allen **MANCHESTER**

B c1910 [complete mark]

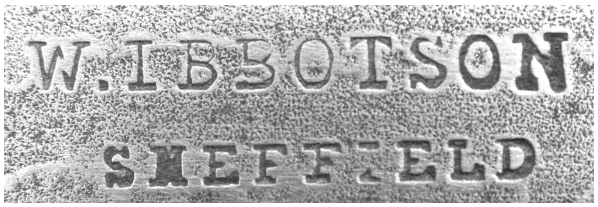


H c1910 60mm

IBBOTSON Brothers **SHEFFIELD**



B c1900 64mm



B c1900 26mm

IBBOTSON, Richard **SHEFFIELD**

B c1840

IBBOTSON, Thomas **SHEFFIELD**

Keyhole c1880 55mm

B c1900 23mm

B c1900 12mm

IBBOTSONS & ROEBUCK **SHEFFIELD**

B c1825 42mm

J

JAMESON & Co **NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE**

The only identification so far achieved for this firm is a plane marked with the name and place, and illustrated in BPM3 without further details.

B c1880

JENKINS & CLARK LONDON

Not identified: the placing in London may be wrong, given that Drabble & Sanderson marked many of their saws of this period with London, suggesting quality, not geography.

B c1900

JENKS Brothers **WOLVERHAMPTON**

47 Melbourne Street (offices) 1912-

Toolmakers, chiefly of tools for the engineering and motor trades. Absorbed by **John Shaw & Sons** in the 1930s, having previously merged with the British Tool and Engineering Co to form Jenks-Britool. After further mergers they were eventually taken in to the large holding company **James Neill** in 1972. Any saws with their mark would almost certainly have been factored, although a very cheap gent's saw (mark below) could have been made in house.

Gent's c1930 12mm

JENNINGS, Octavius **BOSTON**
Bridge Street <1835-1841>
JENNINGS, Charles Dickinson
Bridge Street <1856-1872>
Octavius was listed simply as an ironmonger, his son (?) reflecting by 1868 a much grander establishment: “General ironmonger, iron merchant, engineer, iron and brass founder, agricultural implement and hurdle maker, gunsmith, whitesmith, blacksmith, gas fitter, tinman and brazier”. By 1872 Jennings had been joined with William Hunt, the combined firm adding to the activities at Bridge Street the additional trade of bone crushing (to make fertiliser for the surrounding heavily agricultural area).
The mark here is from a saw of about 1840, an early date for a saw to be factored with the name of an ironmonger; it adds to the small number of mispelt marks.

B c1840

JOBSON, B. **LONDON**
Not identified. A brass-backed saw of c1840 was sold at auction in 2015, marked B.Jobson/London.

JOHNSON, Christopher & Co **SHEFFIELD**

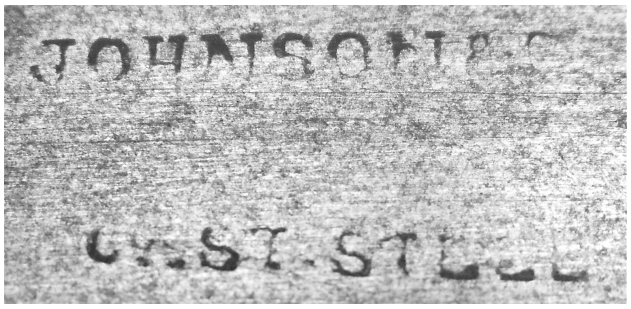
B c1870 58mm

JOHNSON, C.F. **SHEFFIELD**

B c1920

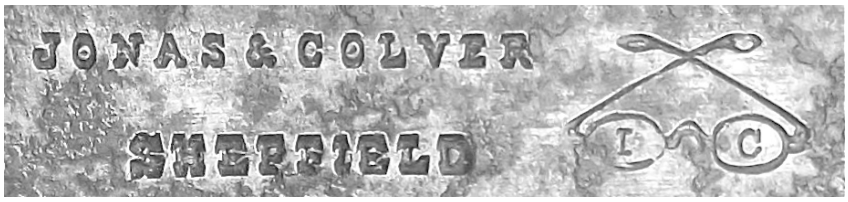
Gent’s saw c1920

JOHNSON, Samuel **SHEFFIELD**
Attributing this mark to this maker is an assumption based on the dating.


H c1840

JONAS & COLVER **SHEFFIELD**

In spite of the comment in the 1st edition of this book, a back saw with this mark was sold at online auction in the USA in 2015; the trade mark is one of those laboriously weak puns of which Sheffield industrialists were so fond – "I see" with spectacles, the I being the old fashioned way of writing a capital J.



B c1890

JOWETT, William **AYLESBURY**

Kingsbury <1896-1963>

Tool dealers. Business documents for the firm are held in the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies, Aylesbury. The brass label affixed to the handle of a one-man cross cut saw is a unique method of indicating the vendor.

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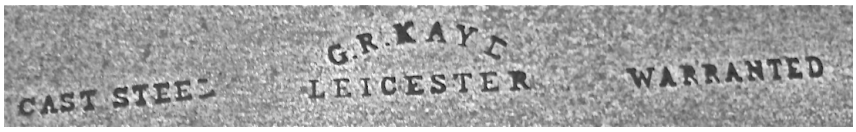
KAYE, George Rusby **LEICESTER**



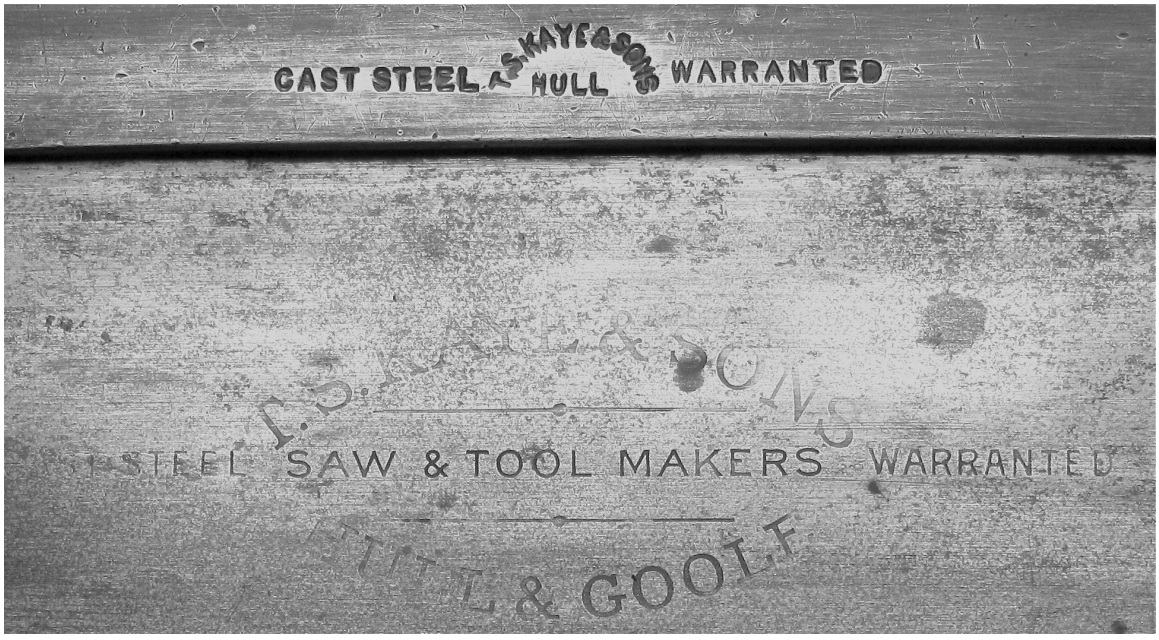
B c1880

KAYE, T.S. **HULL**

It is not known when the firm opened a branch in nearby Goole.

H c1880 62mm

H c1890 68mm



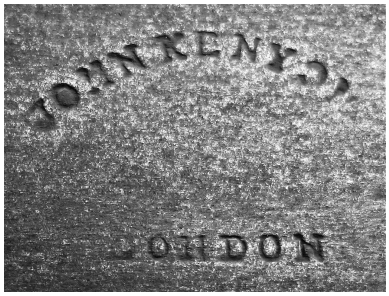
B c1930 130mm

KAYE, William **NOTTINGHAM**

B c1900

KENYON, John **NORWICH**

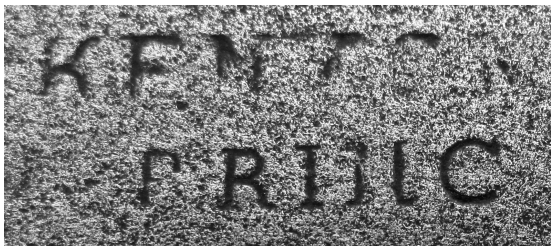
This saw has been attributed to this maker, but might also be by the Sheffield or Ipswich men of the same name.



H c1880 25mm

KENYON, John **SHEFFIELD**

The handsaw from c1830 is notable for the very early (and perhaps the first recorded) use of the terms “Best” and “Double Refined”; the former has little meaning, but suggests quality, and latter (if it truly is from double refined steel) would be a superior material (see footnote 6 on page 9 of BSSM). The 1930 saw mark dates from the time when the Kenyon name was being used by **Sanderson Brothers & Newbould**; the tool is very far from being a top quality item.


H c1790 16mm

B c1810

B c1810

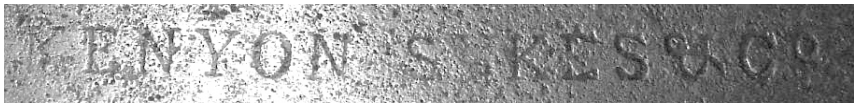
H c1830

H c1930 85mm

KENYON, SYKES & Co **SHEFFIELD**

This mark is from a handsaw, discovered within the walls of a house undergoing repairs in Boston, Massachusetts, and showing scarcely any rust.

H c1810



H c1810 36mm

KIMBERLEY, David **BIRMINGHAM**

Taken over by Wynn, Timmins (makers of small hand tools) in the early 20th century; a 1915 catalogue of that firm illustrates saws with Kimberley medallion screws and etched marks.

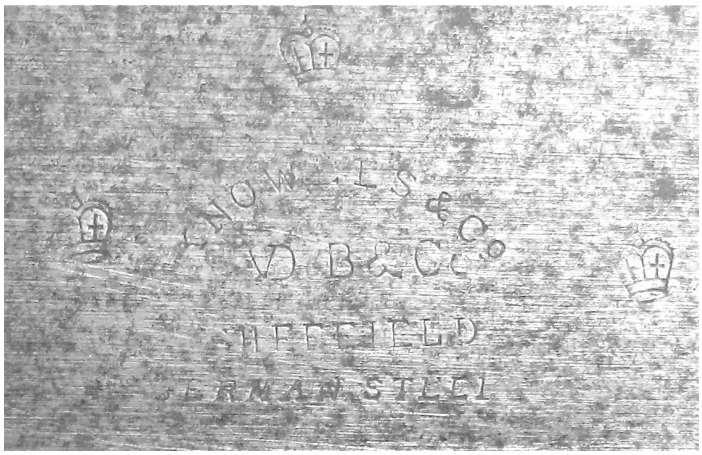
The interpretation of the mark below is uncertain: the trademark "Cutwell" was used by a Sheffield firm of cutlers (AHBisby & Co) in the 20th century, but the letters D.K & S do not accord with any of the several companies Bisby took over, and it is possible that Kimberley used the word ICUTWELL as a trade mark.

B c1900

KIMPTON, William **LONDON**

B c1910 30mm

KNOWLES, John & Son **SHEFFIELD**
55 Burgess Street 1864-1871
Silver and plated wares manufacturers; from 1841-1860 the firm was known as Walker, Knowles & Co, and from 1876 as Lister, Knowles & Co, disappearing from view after 1879. In 1868 a London address was also given, but in its last emanation it had two changes of address and a diminishing list of products, alterations which suggest a firm falling on progressively harder times before final failure. Saws were never listed as one of their products, and the second quality saw illustrated was very likely to have been factored.
The meaning of the initials VD B & Co has not been elucidated.



Grafter c1870

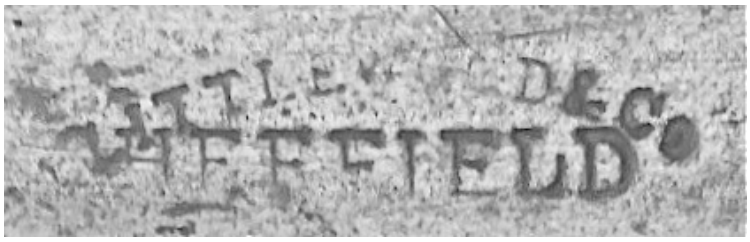
L

Land & Co.
More than one cheap back saw with this mark has been offered at online auction.

B c1920

LITTLEWOOD **SHEFFIELD**
Not identified; it is very likely that the name was used on a brand, and that the "& Co" does not signify a true company. Both saws are second quality.

B c1890 52mm



B c1890

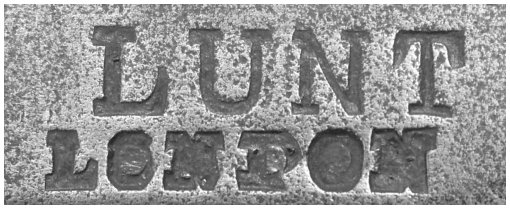
LOFTING, W. **LONDON**
5 Chapel Street, Edgware Road
Not identified; a back saw of c1900 with this name and address was offered for sale at online auction in 2016; presumably a dealer.

LONG, GREGORY & Co **SHEFFIELD**

B c1860

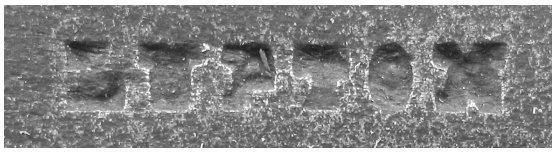
B c1880

LUNT, Albert Samuel **LONDON**



B c1880 17mm

Lupton


B c1890 17mm

Luther, see **Houldsworth**.

M

MACHEN Brothers **SHEFFIELD**

Union Steel Works, Millsands 1864-1871

Wardsend Steel Works, Wadsley Bridge 1868-1876>

Numerous men of this surname were file manufacturers in Sheffield during most of the 19th century; at some periods there were several at work at the same time. The saw mark below cannot be definitely attributed, and the choice of these brothers is made because the date of the saw is consistent with their known manufacturing dates. The trade mark has not been identified or named. The saw may well have been factored.

H c1890 19mm

MACROME Ltd **BIRMINGHAM**

H c1930 150mm

MANN & RANKIN **LONDON**

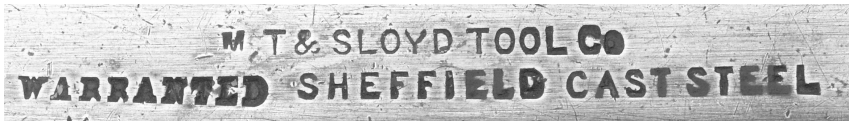
200-202 High Road, Wood Green <1912-1914>

Ironmongers.

B c1920

MANUAL TRAINING TOOL COMPANY **SHEFFIELD**

This mark is the only known evidence of any overlap between this training institutions and its Swedish counterpart (see Sloyd Tool Company).



B c1920 69mm

Mappin, J. & Co

Not identified; the saw (mark below) is a second quality tool, almost certainly a brand name.

B c1900 24mm

Marmion

Not identified. The name suggests a Scottish dealer. A 12inch backsaw of a similar date has been offered for sale in Scotland.

H c1930 130mm

MARPLES. William **SHEFFIELD**

B c1900 27mm

Grafter c1900

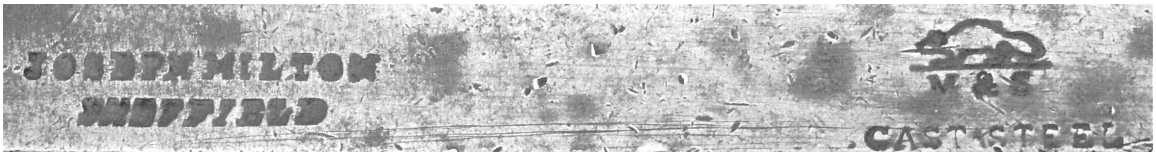
B c1930

MARSHALL, William **MANCHESTER**

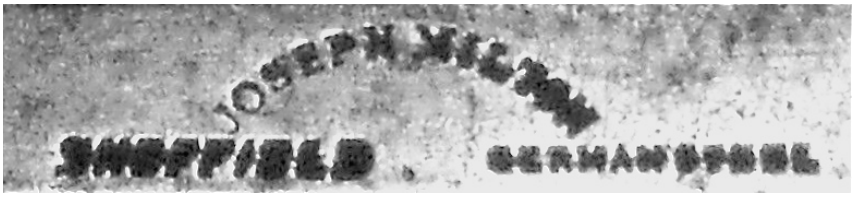
B c1900

MARSHES & SHEPHERD **SHEFFIELD**

B c1860 18mm



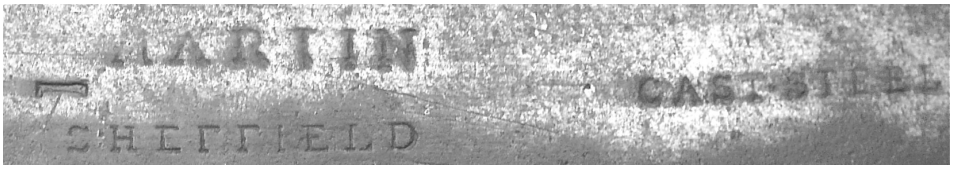
B c1870 78mm



B c1870

MARTIN, John & Co **SHEFFIELD**

The significance of the number 1 in the first mark below is not known, unless it is perhaps part of an intended IM, as in the second; presumably it was a trademark.



B c1860 50mm

B c1870 67mm

MASON, A.B. & Co **LONDON**

Not identified.

B c1930 75mm

MASON, H.W. & Co

The town of manufacture has not been identified; Sheffield is the most likely, but a Crescent Works has not been found there.

B c1900

MASTERS, James **ILFORD**

B c1910 21mm

MATHER, Richard & Son **SHEFFIELD**

The firm turned in the 1940s to specialising in scissor-making and the goodwill was sold to Ernest Wright (*qv*) in 1965 (TKB).

B c1930

MATHIESON, Alexander & Sons **GLASGOW**

B c1890 55mm

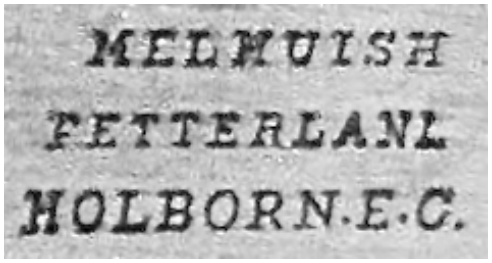
The significance of the letter G in the mark on this 3rd quality saw is unknown.

B c1900 30mm

MAWHOOD Brothers **SHEFFIELD**

New information from backsaw.net (http://www.backsaw.net/forum/index.php?threads/stevenson-for-mawhood-and-co.936/#post-5242) has shown that John Parkinson Mawhood entered Sheffield business in as a partner with Thomas Lowery Stevenson, who was previously a partner with Jonathan Beardshaw (see Beardshaw, Stevenson). The business (Stevenson, Mawhood & Co.) ended when Mawhood was declared bankrupt in 1879, following which some of Mawhood's sons started their business primarily as edge tool manufacturers. See also Stevenson, Greening.

MELHUISH, Richard & Sons **LONDON**



Rule saw c1880

MIDLAND MANUFACTURING Co **SHEFFIELD**

B c1930 23mm (complete mark)

MIDLAND SAW & TOOL COMPANY Ltd **BIRMINGHAM**

Midsaw Works, Pope Street <1927-1958>

According to the company's listing in a 1937 exhibition, they made woodworking machinery and hand tools including saws.

B 1941 (Made for the General Post Office) 50mm

MILLARD, Charles **LONDON**

B c1880 21mm

MILLICHAMP, William **BRISTOL**

Additional information from Pete Rose about this family gives

MILLICHAMP, Benjamin

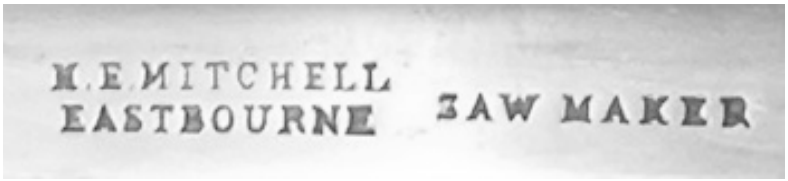
Saw maker's apprentice, perhaps to his father, (aged 18)	1851
1 Jenkins Court, St James & St Paul (probably residential address)	<1861-1881>
Nelson Place, Bridewell Street	1880
Elbroad Street	1886

In the 1851 census he was listed as an apprentice saw maker and in 1881 as a saw repairer; in the directories of 1880 and 1886 he appears as a saw maker.

MILLICHAMP, Francis John & Thomas

They were the sons of Benjamin; the Francis John died in 1938, the disappearance of the business the next year being perhaps a consequence of his death.

MITCHELL, Henry Edward **EASTBOURNE**



B c1870

MITCHELL, John William **LONDON**

The inclusion of the address enables an identification which is unusual for the London Mitchells.

B c1900 41mm

MITCHELL, William Henry **LONDON**

Correction The full name of the firm above was omitted on the first printing of p423.

14 Salmon Lane, Limehouse 1857-1861
3 Britannia Place, Commercial Road 1864-1873
757 Commercial Road East 1881-1921

B c1910 75mm

MOILLET & GEM **SHEFFIELD**

6 Eyre Street <1852-1858>

Merchants and cutlers. In 1852 they were listed as “and Birmingham”, with Thomas Ingall their agent. Further history of the firm, and its continuance under the Gem name alone up to the 1930s, is at **http://www.backsaw.net/forum/index.php?threads/moilliet-and-gem.988/**

B c1870 75mm

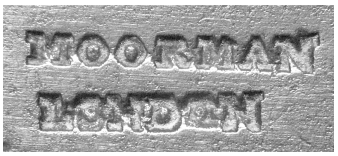
Mona

A very cheap brand of saw with this name above the single word Sheffield has been reported for sale; it appears to have been made in about 1890, but the maker has not been identified.

MONNINGER, C.D. Ltd **LONDON**

B c1900

MOORMAN, William **LONDON**



B c1790 16mm B c1800 H c1820 16mm

B c1820 30mm

MORETON, John & Co **SHEFFIELD**

Table saw c1900 115mm

MORETON & FOSTER
Not identified. No partnership of the above **John Moreton** with Foster has been found.

B c1880

MOREY, EPHRAIM **LONDON**
The saw (mark below) may be by any of the three men of this surname.

B c1860

MOSELEY, John **LONDON**

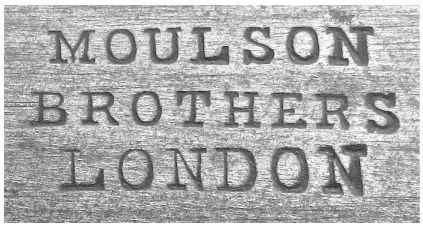
B c1860

B c1880

MOULSON Brothers **SHEFFIELD**

B c1820
44mm

48mm B c1830



H c1890 24mm

MOUNTFORD, Fred **SHEFFIELD**
A handsaw of c1910 has been reported, but the etched mark is too worn to reproduce.

MOZLEY, W.H. **HASTINGS**
A 12in steel backed saw of c1980 was sold at online auction in 2016: the blade was imprinted "W.H. Mozley Ltd. Tool Specialist, Hastings, Hawkhurst", the latter being a small town a dozen miles north of Hastings.

MUNDY **BRISTOL**
Not identified. A brass backed saw of about 1910 and made by **Joseph Tyzack** has been reported.

Mc

MacGUIRE & JAGO **GLASGOW**
By 1888 Jago had left the business to William Bruce MacGuire alone; they were said in an 1888 business history of the city to have "succeeded" **John Elsworth**, but the nature of the connection is not entirely clear. The history lists a separate establishment for their manufactures, which are said to have been concentrated in saws, tools and cutlery, with an extensive merchanting trade at home and abroad.
NB: the spelling is MacGuire, not, as in the first edition, McGuire.

H c1890 45mm

B c1900 88mm

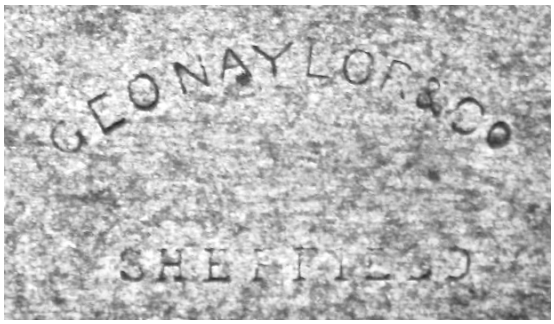
Trade and second quality mark: MACJA

MACKIE, A. **EDINBURGH**
An iron-backed saw of c1890 made for him by **Beardshaw** has been reported.

MacNAUGHTON **GLASGOW**
Not identified.
A brass backed saw of about 1910 with this name and place was sold at online auction in 2015.

N

NAYLOR, George & Co **SHEFFIELD**



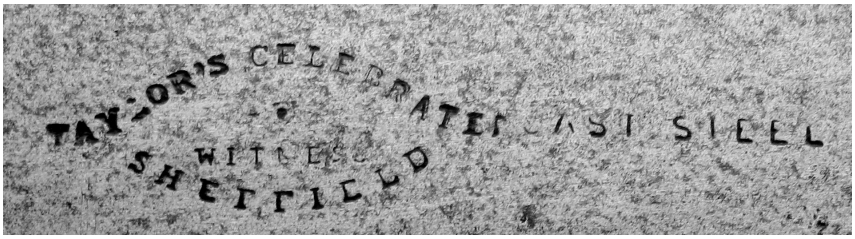
H c1900

NAYLOR, VICKERS & Co **SHEFFIELD**

B c1880

65mm H c1890

NEEDHAM, VEALL & TYZACK **SHEFFIELD**



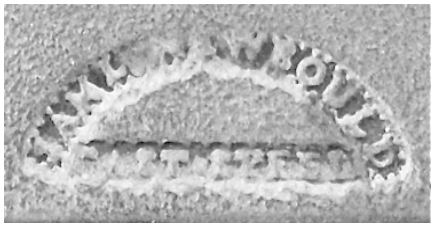
B c1880 50mm

B c1900 75mm

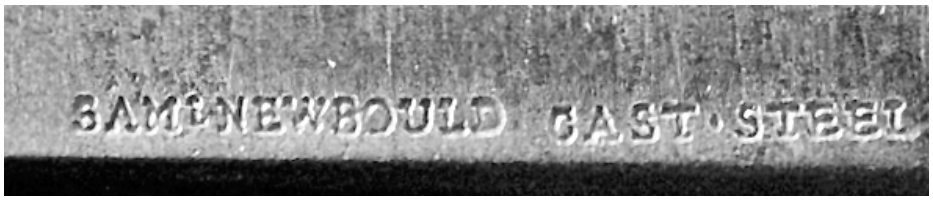
B c1930

NEWBOULD, Samuel & Co **SHEFFIELD**

Correction: on p446 it was stated that Newbould and Sanderson (*q.v.*) amalgamated in 1898; information from Geoff Tweedale, who worked on the accounts of the two companies, is that the two actually came together in the 1870s, but kept the names separate for accounting reasons. This correction enables some hitherto puzzling questions of dating Sanderson&Newbould saws, which seem earlier than the turn of the century, the presumed date of merger.


B c1820

B c1830



B c1830

B c1880 68mm

B c1890 42mm

NURSE, Charles & Co **LONDON**

B c1890 (Made by **Wheatman & Smith**)

O

OLDHAM, Albert Alleston **LEICESTER**

B c1930

B c1960

OXLEY, Frank **LONDON**

This is the first saw to be recorded by any of this large family.

B c1930 20mm

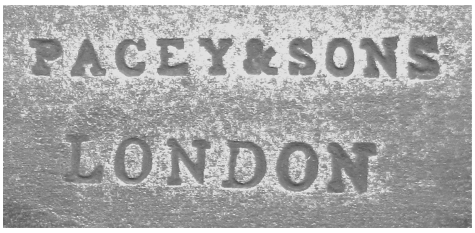
P

PACEY & ARMITAGE **SHEFFIELD**

Information about the Pacey family has been found by Kate Hodgson, to whom my thanks.

John Pacey (1816-1863) was married to Elizabeth Pacey; they had three daughters and three sons, of whom the two surviving boys were listed in the 1861 census, then aged 23 and 18, as saw makers. One of the daughters married and had a son Frederick William Parsons, shown in the 1901 census as a saw filer.

The hand saw marked Pacey & Sons, of a characteristic London pattern (including the brevity of the mark itself), is almost certainly of a later date than the death of John Pacey, and it may be that the two saw-making sons produced saws of this kind to try to break into the metropolitan market. This saw could have been made by any of the three Pacey businesses which were listed between 1876 and 1887.



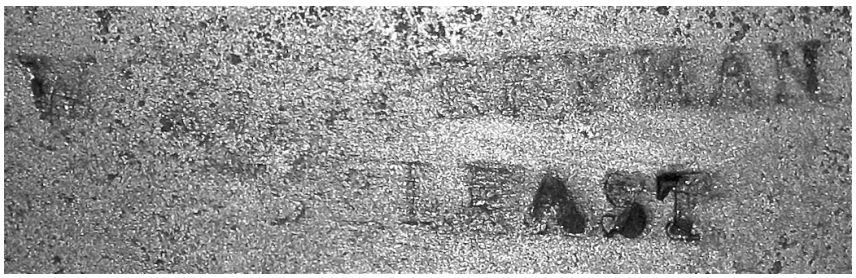
H c1880 23mm

PACEY, SCOTT & TASKER **SHEFFIELD**

See also Scott, James.

PALFREYMAN, W. **BELFAST**

Not identified: even though this city was highly industrialised at this date, it is very likely that this mark is that of a dealer.


B c1900 34mm

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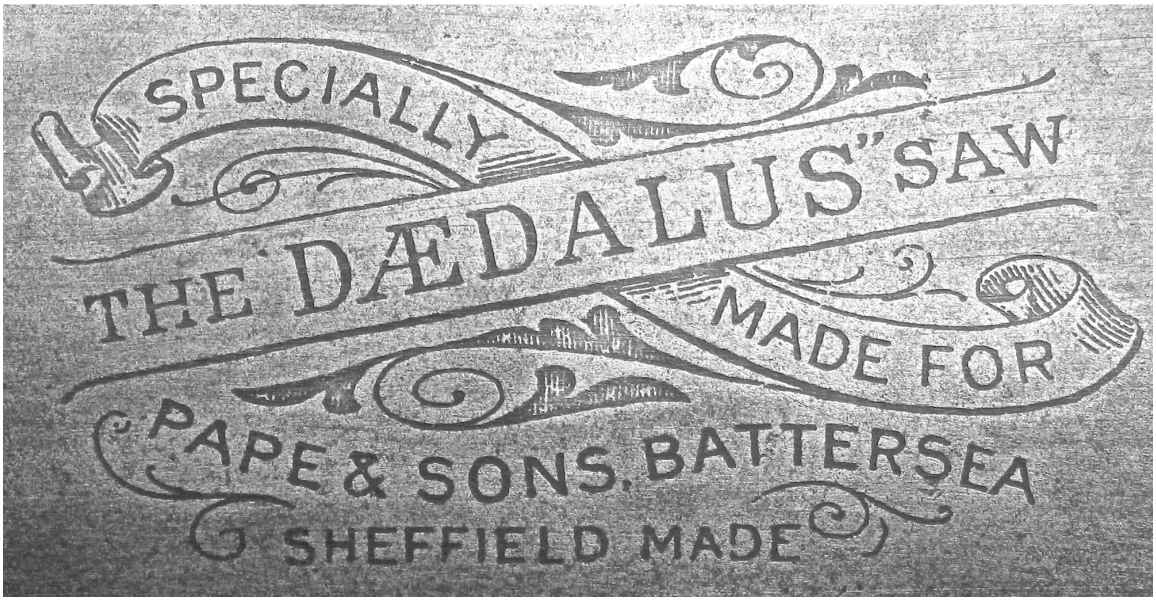
PAPE, William George & Sons **LONDON**

28 & 30 Battersea Park Road SW <1911-1917>



H c1910 (Made by Joseph Tyzack) 85mm

PARKER, PARKIN & CLOUGH

B c1820

PARKES, Daniel **BIRMINGHAM**

The mark on this very rare and early saw is on the blade. An assumption has been made that it was by the Birmingham man, and not by Joseph Parkes, of nearby West Bromwich, active at the same period.

B c1780

PARKIN, Charles **SHEFFIELD**

Information from a family member is that the firm ceased operating in the 1930s; the chief product then was augers. A catalogue, the only one known, has been copied and added to the Hawley Collection.

PARKIN, William & Co **SHEFFIELD**

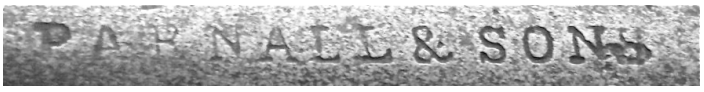
B c1880

B c1890

B c1900

PARNALL & Sons

This mark, although from a butcher’s saw, may resemble others on saws for different purposes.

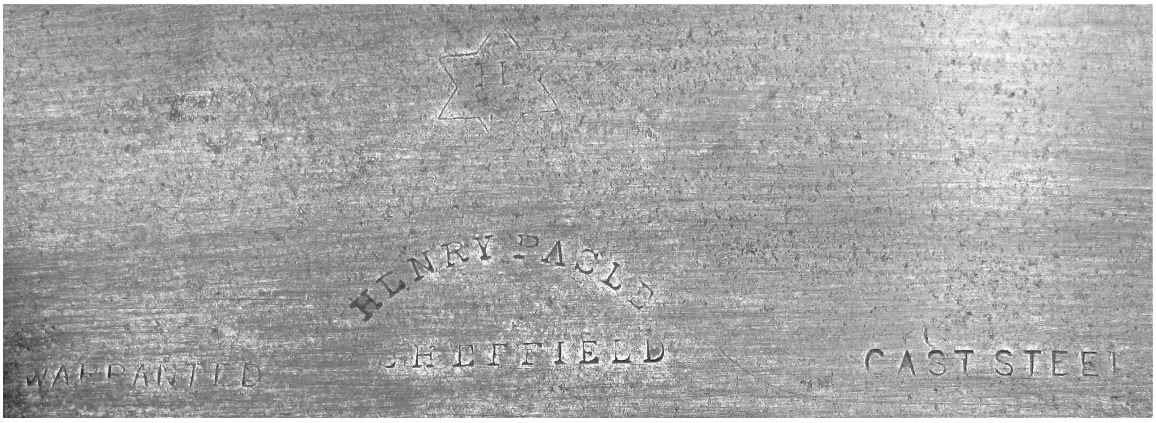


Butcher’s saw c1920

PARSONS, Frederick William **SHEFFIELD**

He was a grandson of **John Pacey**; the 1901 census lists him as a saw filer, and in view of this description and his change of address and intermittent entries in the directories, he was probably a "little mester", on the borderline of employment and independence.

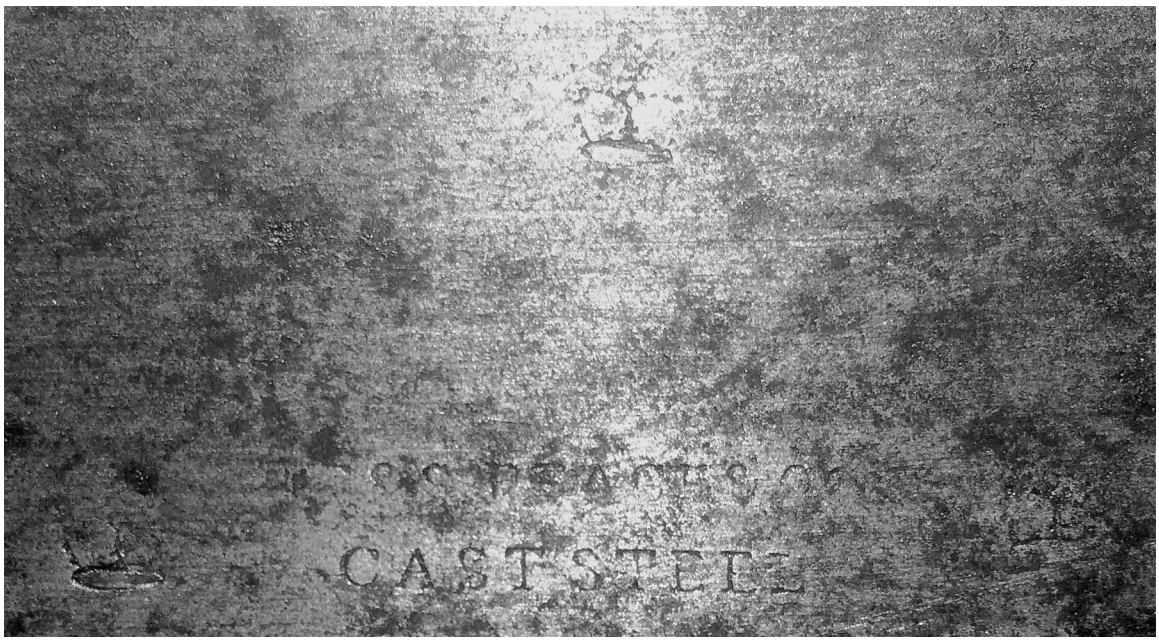
PASLEY, Richard F. **SHEFFIELD**



H c1890 90mm

PEACE Family 2

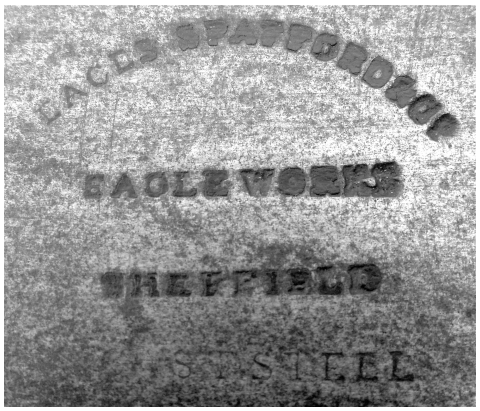
PEACE, Charles & Samuel & Co



H c1830

PEACES, SPAFFORD & Co

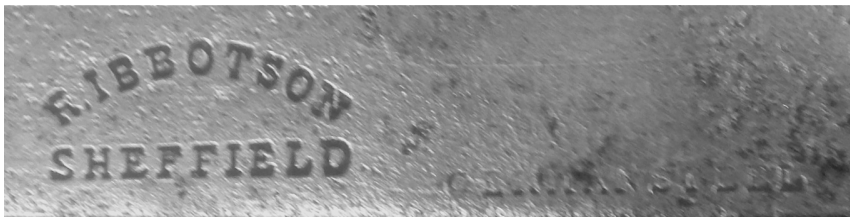
B c1860


H c1880 29mm

PEACE, William Kirby & Charles **SHEFFIELD**

This mark is of the *Robert Ibbotson* brand of this firm.

Their New York City office was at one time under the name of Peace & Rawlins, and saws with those names have been recorded: one, with an eagle medallion, is named Sheffield, the other, a grafting saw of c1870 has a Warranted Superior medallion and the address New York.



B c1900

A back saw of c1880 has been reported from online auction, with a heavily struck spread eagle and the words “W.K & C. Peace/Eagle Works/Sheffield/Cast Steel”.

Peace Family 3

PEACE, William & Samuel **SHEFFIELD**

The attribution of this first mark must remain tentative; the saw can be dated with reasonable certainty to about 1820-1830, at which time these brothers were making saws. A saw by **Samuel Peace** of a similar date is marked slightly differently. A number 9 backsaw has not been identified in a catalogue.

B c1825 36mm

B c1870 66mm

B c1900

B c1900

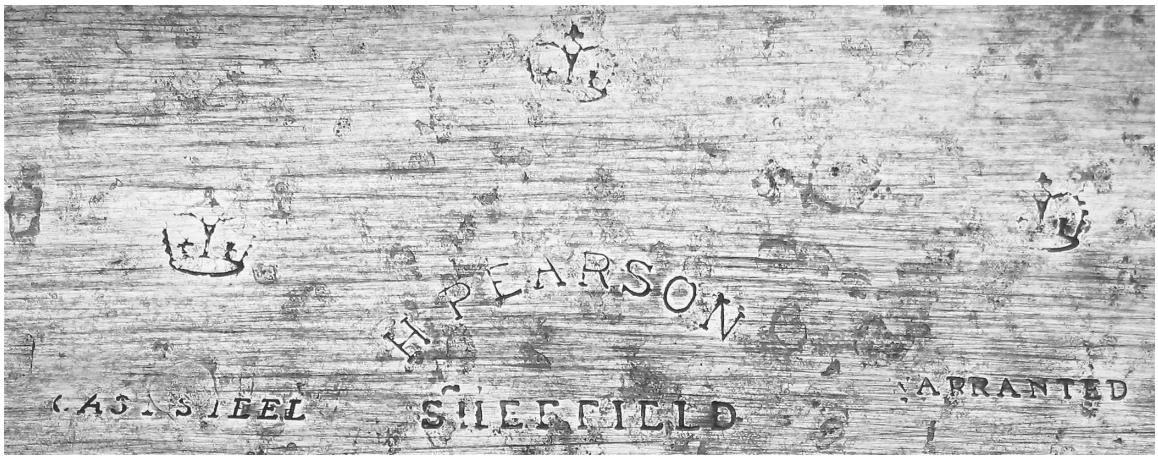
Farmer's saw c1920

PEARCE, Richard **LONDON**

This mark cannot be definitely attributed to this man, whose [probable] relatives worked in the same or nearby premises in the second half of the 19th century.

B c1880

PEARSON, Holberry & Co. **SHEFFIELD**
37 Carver Street & 173 Rockingham Street 1864-1896
Stamper and piercer [a branch of the cutlery and silverware trade]; this saw would have been factored for him. The name Holberry comes from the famous amd much respected radical Samuel Holberry, who was a leading Sheffield figure during the Chartist political agitations of the 1840s, and died in prison.



H c1870 75mm

PENTON, Edward & Son **LONDON**
50-57 Newman Street W <1907-1915>
Merchants and factors in a large range of goods and materials in the leather and allied trades, including wood and iron lasts; presumably the handsaw of which the mark is illustrated was factored.

H c1900 76mm

POND, W. **BIRMINGHAM**
117 Steelhouse Lane
<1910>

B c1910

POTTS, Richard Barlow & Co **LIVERPOOL**

B c1900 (Made by Garlick)

PRESTON, Edward **BIRMINGHAM**

B c1900 28mm

B c1910 76mm

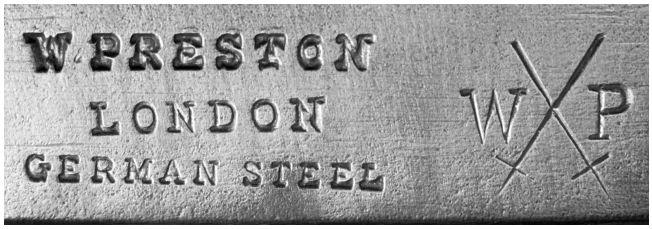
PRESTON, George Palmerston **SHEFFIELD**

B c1930 (By **Elsworth**) 40mm The Preston name is on the back.

B c1935 (detail) 150mm

PRESTON, William **LONDON**

The atttribution of the second mark is uncertain.



B c1880

B c1890

PROCTOR & BEILBY **SHEFFIELD**

Milk Street c1787>

This partnership is not known to have made saws, and the mark illustrated here is assumed to have been factored – a very early example of the practice in saw retailing. The firm were prominent men in the Sheffield of their time, being perhaps the first in the town to install in 1786 a steam engine for their main enterprise, glass-making. The Proctors had been cutlers for three generations (George Washington owned a travelling knife and fork of their make) before Charles joined Thomas Beilby, a Birmingham man, in the 1780s to make spectacles, telescopes and scientific instruments, items now highly valued by collectors. According to Tweedale, the firm did not last beyond the 1820s. It is possible that the saw mark illustrated here is from a saw made by Beilby when he was working by himself (or with another); the appellation "& Co" does not rule out a one-man business.

H c1810

Q

QUARRINGTON, John **SHEFFIELD**

21 London Road 1861
18 Gray Street 1871
23 Ditchingham Street 1881

The above are dates from the decennial censuses (thanks to Pete Rose); born in Bristol, in 1851 (aged 12) he was recorded as a combmaker's assistant, and later as a saw smith or saw maker. It is most likely that he was a journeyman, without his own business premises.

R

Rainbow & Sons

There is no person of this surname in the Sheffield records, and it is assumed to have been used on a product line by one of the saw firms there. Of the small handful of examples with the name, all were reported from USA. There were speculations about the origin of the mark at www.backsaw.net in 2012: http://www.backsaw.net/forum/index.php?threads/need-help-with-a-couple-of-saws.336/#post-2187. There is in particular no known link with Groves, and it should be noted that the crown device was very widely used by Sheffield metal workers, especially cutlers, usually in combination with other symbols or letters (see the 1787 trade directory, reprinted by TATHS in 2004, in which some 60 cutlers did so). The saw of which the mark is reproduced here is a cheap, second quality product.

H c1870 78mm

RAYMENT, Arthur Frederick **LONDON**

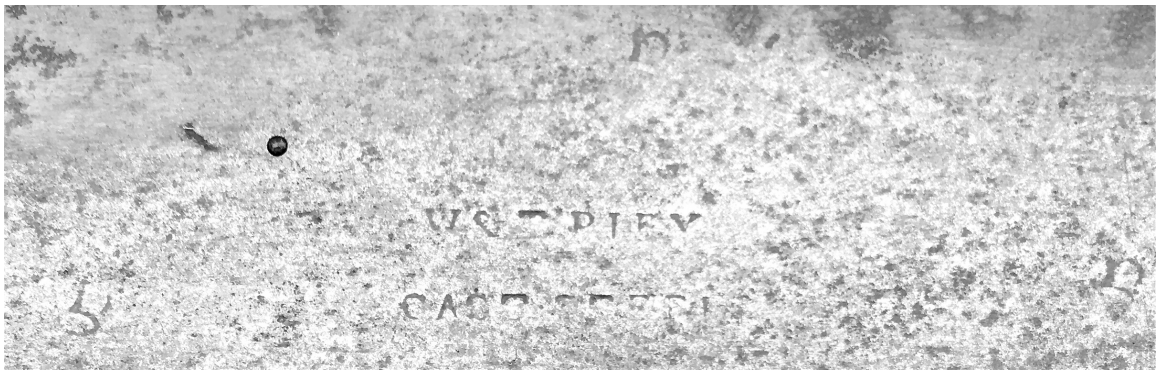
B c1910 27mm

REID & JOHNSON **LONDON**

Not identified. The mark S1R (ie, the middle symbol is a numeral) may possibly indicate a connection to the Southern Railway, which operated from 1923-1947.

B c1920

RIBY, William & Thomas **LIVERPOOL**



H c1820

RICHARDSON, William & Son **LONDON**

A mark like the one below was included in the 1st edition with the proviso that it might be a mistake; this second instance has been recorded, perhaps making it less likely that a mistake was made.

B c1900

RIDGE, Alfred & Sons **SHEFFIELD**

Keyhole c1900 60mm

ROBERTSON, James **EDINBURGH**

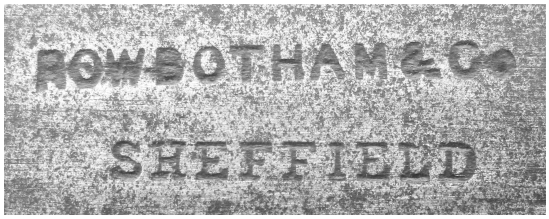
Correction. The illustration on p501 is probably not of a saw by this firm, but more likely to have been a second quality item by William Marples (see p394, where it is also reproduced).

ROWBOTHAM & Co **SHEFFIELD**

see Wade, Wingfield & Rowbotham.

The mark from c1820 is of Rowbotham, Wade & Wingfield, this being the earliest manifestation of Wade, Wingfield & Rowbotham, and was the name by which the firm was known in the trade directories for 1825 and 1828. The second and third marks date from the period when this name had been bought by Thomas Turner, and was being used on second quality items.

B c1820 20mm



B c1900 28mm

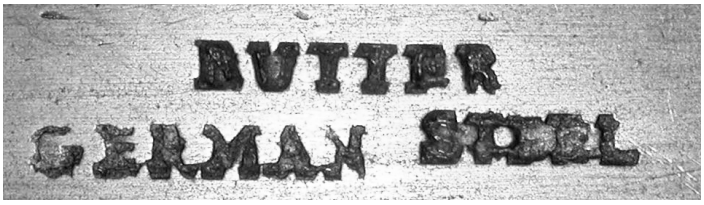
B c1900 26mm

RUSHBROOKE, George **LONDON**

Butcher's saw c1920

RUTTER, Alexander **SHEFFIELD**

The attribution of this mark to this maker is entirely arbirtrary, as there were at least two other men of this name who might have made it.



B c1840

RUTTER, William **LONDON**

The marks below are assumed to be those of this man, but may be of John Rutter.

B c1830

B c1840

RYAN, William **LONDON**

Gent's saw c1890 10mm

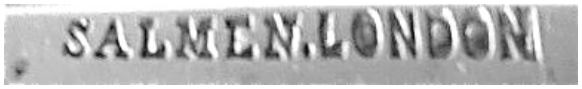
RYE & Co **NEW SWINDON**

See **Edwards, Bays & Rye**.

S

SALMEN, A.B. **LONDON**

In 1926 this long-established firm which dealt in sharpening stones was acquired by Waxman, who a decade later also bought the plane maker Nurse (information from BPM3). It seems unlikely that saws with this mark were anything but factored, as Waxman was listed only as a dealer.



Gent's saw c1930

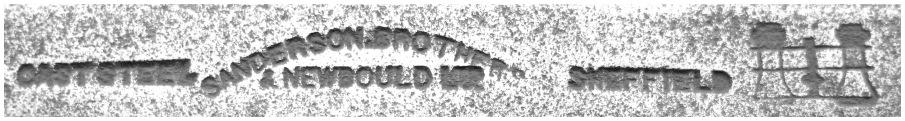
SANDERSON, John **SHEFFIELD**

This saw is probably made by this man, but the problem of assigning a saw to a single word cannot be settled unequivocally. It is assumed to be a London Spring quality. There is a third crown above the name, almost completely ground out.

H c1840 60mm

SANDERSON Brothers & Co **SHEFFIELD**

Correction: On p511 it was stated that that Newbould (*q.v.*) and Sanderson amalgamated in 1900; information from Geoff Tweedale, who worked on the accounts of the two companies, is that the two actually came together in the 1870s, but kept the names separate for accounting reasons. This correction enables some hitherto puzzling questions of dating Sanderson&Newbould saws, which seem earlier than the turn of the century, the presumed date of merger.



B c1930 100mm

B c1930 140mm

B 1982 109mm

SARGANT, William **BIRMINGHAM**

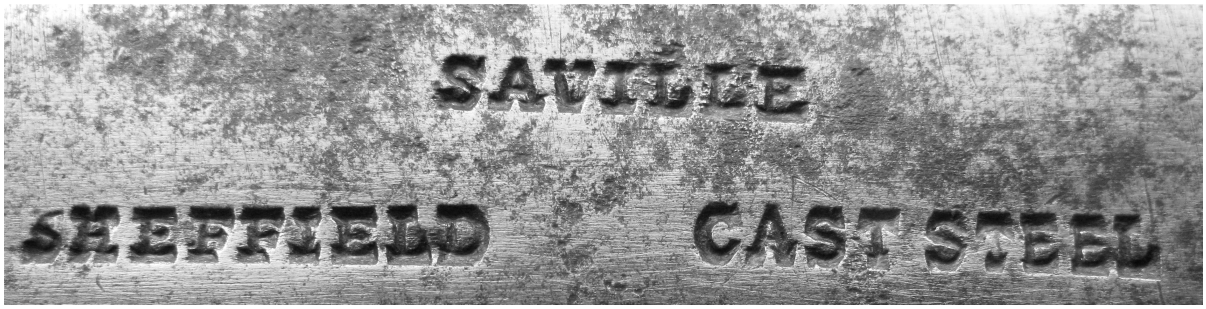
B c1790 13mm

SAVILLE, John James (1904: & Co. Ltd) **SHEFFIELD**

Germania Works, Leadmill Street <1880-1890

Triumph Works, Shoreham Street 1890-1906>

Steel manufacturers and general merchants. A prominent steel firm, perhaps having their named saws made “out”, although they did have file-cutting and engineering shops, and were amongst the first to make high-speed steel and twist drills. After 1905 the firm became allied with W. Jessop, the combined firm of Jessop Saville eventually becoming part of Sheffield Forgemasters (TNS), which see under Thomas Firth.



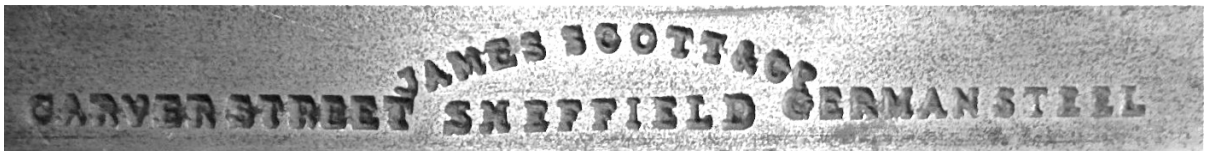
B c1890 50mm

SAYLES, H.W.

An iron-backed saw of c1850 has been reported for sale in the USA; no British firm has been identified as a likely maker.

SCOTT, James **SHEFFIELD**

In the trade directories Scott appears only in 1849, when he was in the Pacey, Scott & Tasker partnership. The other two are known to have gone on to other partnerships, and the dating of this saw, which seems a good deal later than the above date, perhaps suggests that Scott too went on alone. There are, however, indications from other firms that the name of one alone might be used even when the partnership was intact. The use of a street name on a Sheffield saw of the 19th century is very rare.



B c1870

Scott, Pacey & Tasker

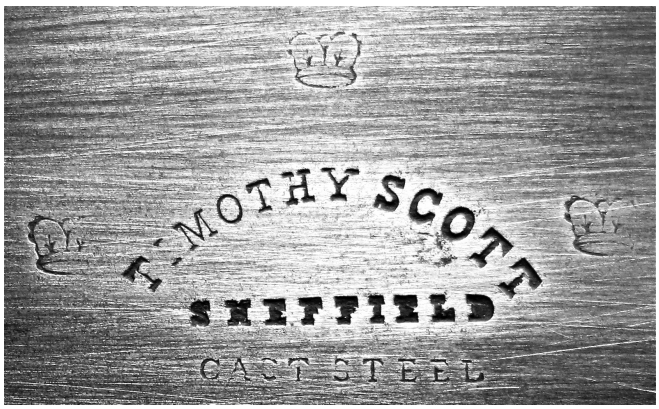
An official notice recorded that this partnership was dissolved in 1851.

H c1850 (detail)

Timothy Scott; not identified as a documented second quality brand, but it seems possible that the man

of this name who was listed in the Sheffield directories from 1864-1879 as a “cashier” might have held that position in one of the major saw firms; against this is the fact that the 1851 census describes him as a self-employed printer. It is known that other employees’ names were called upon for brands (see *John Simpson*, of Samuel Newbould, p447), but the likelihood in this case seems very slight.

As well as the handsaw below, a brass backed saw with the same name and a similar date was offered for sale in 2011.



H c1870 43mm

SENIOR & FERNEHOUGH **SHEFFIELD**

B c1830 44mm

SHAW, George **LONDON**

93 Hackney Road <1887-1909>

B c1900

SHAW, Frederick **LEEDS**

The significance of the word Sirdar on this saw made by Groves is not known (according to the OED the word was from the Urdu, meaning a leader).

B c1900

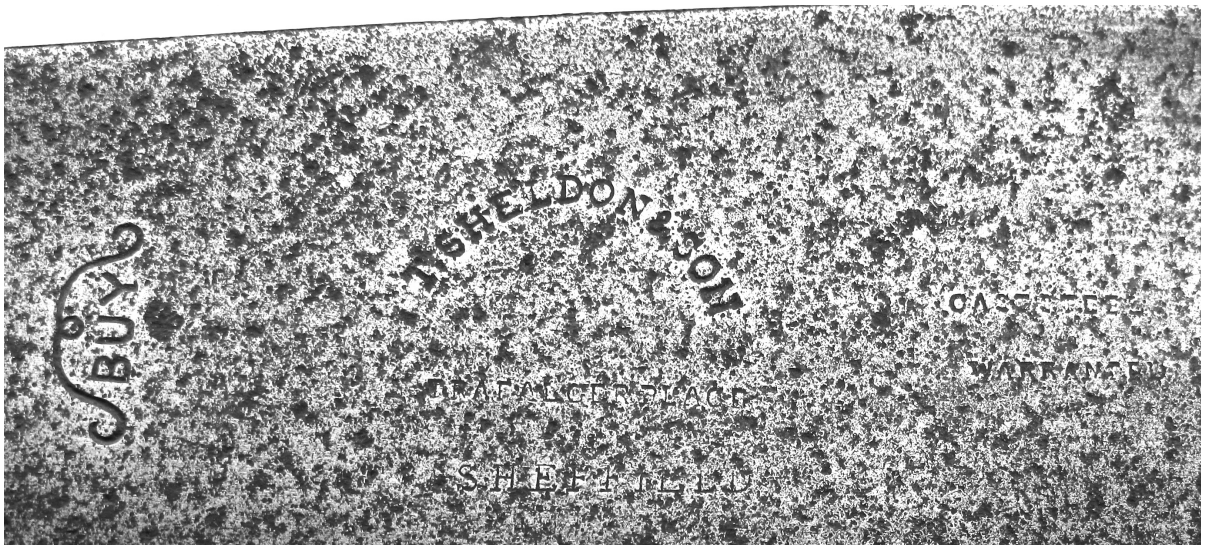
~~SHELDON, Riley SUNDERLAND~~

~~SHELDON, Thomas NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE~~

These entries in the first edition were a mistake. There was no saw maker of either name, the correct names being Riley Shepherd and Thomas Shepherd.

SHELDON, Thomas **SHEFFIELD**

The maker's address (Trafalgar Place) is marked below the name in letters 3/64inches high. Note the position at the edge of the saw's back. The trade mark has not been traced. They exhibited edge tools at the 1855 Paris Exhibition.



H c1860 75mm

SHEPHERD, Riley **SUNDERLAND**

39 Walworth Street 1850

SHEPHERD, Thomas **NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE**

Fighting Cocks Yard 1850-1855

See also Alfred Burgoin.

SHEPLEY & BRAIN **LONDON**

40 Greek Street 1798

3(4) Sutton Street, Soho 1799

The dates and addresses are taken from BPM3, which gives further detail about the premises. These workshops were shared in some complicated way between several makers of planes and saws, and who exactly made what and at what date is uncertain. See also Brain, Porter, and Spurrier.

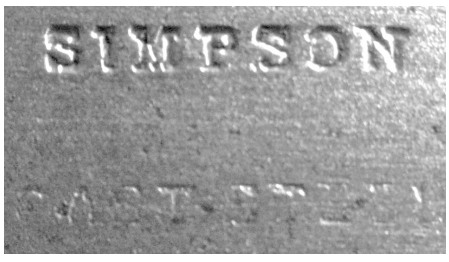
B c1800

B c1800 30mm

SHORT, William LONDON

H c1910 60mm

SIMPSON, Edward **LONDON**



H c1880

SKINNER, Alfred **LONDON**

B c1920

H c1900 24mm

SLACK, Isaac & GRINOLD, Henry T. **SHEFFIELD**

Bath Works, Bath Street 1860-1900

Tweedale (TKB) gives a useful history of this partnership of cutlers, the trade followed by both men's families before them. They first advertised themselves in 1860, and adopted the trade mark of a previous cutler at their address. After the death of both partners their marks (*Onward* and *Bon Accord*) were sold to Michael Hunter in 1900, and later passed to Needham, Veall & Tyzack. There is no suggestion that their saws were anything but factored.

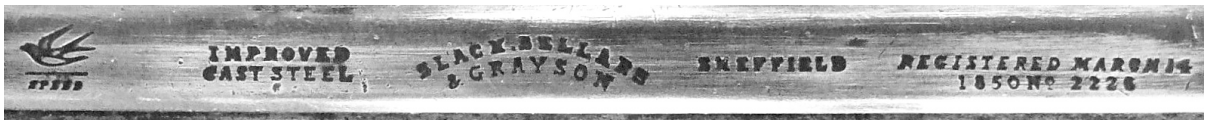
B c1900

SLACK, SELLARS & GRAYSON **SHEFFIELD**

In 1837 Isaac and Samuel Grayson were listed as saw manufacturers, but did not appear in the classified index under that rubric at that time; both gave only residential addresses, separate but close together, with Samuel at the same address as a Thomas Grayson, shoemaker.
The significance of the number 705 in the second mark is unknown; it may well have been added by an owner.
The dot between the words Cast and Steel in the mark of c1850 is an unusually long persistence of the practice.
The comment in the first edition (p528) that no examples of this firm's registered design number 2226 have been recorded can now be corrected (see below).

B c1850

107mm B c1850 19mm

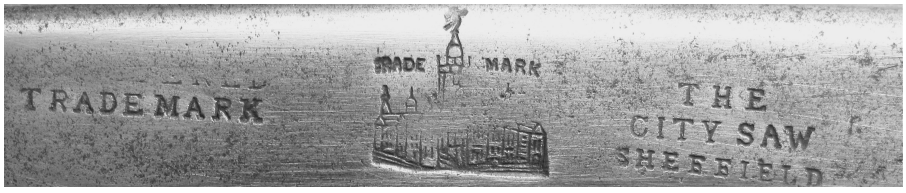


B c1850

B c1860 58mm

B c1900 83mm

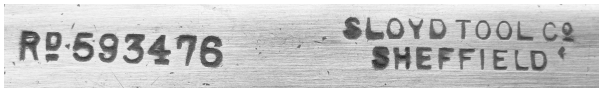
B c1900 105mm



B c1910 78mm

SLOYD TOOL COMPANY

Several examples of this 6 inch back saw have now been recorded. All have the same, unique, handle shape and registered number, but only the one illustrated has the screws inserted back to front.
See also **Manual Training Tool Company**.



H c1935 60mm

SMITH

Warwick Lane. Not identified. The saw is a cheap one and almost certainly made for a retailer.

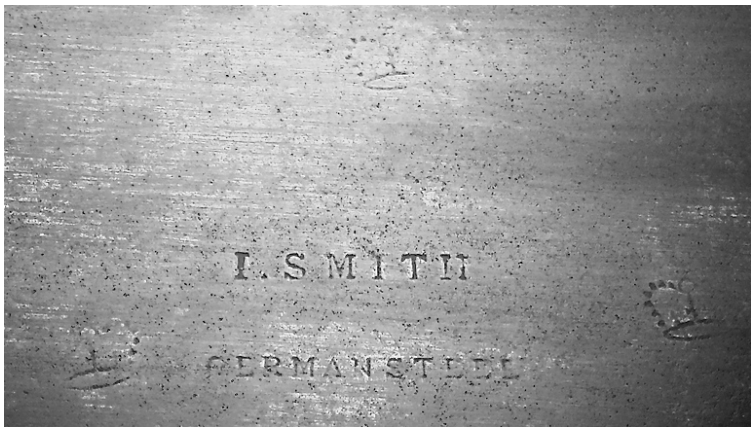
B c1900

SMITH, John & Son **SHEFFIELD**

B c1830 110mm

SMITH, J [I] **SHEFFIELD**

This mark is difficult to assign, partly because of the several men of this name, and partly because the latest date for any of them is 1848, whereas the saw, apart from the use of I for J, appears to be a good deal later. An identical mark, on a different saw and not quite as distinctly preserved, has been recorded with a suggested date of c1840.



H c1880

SMITH, Thomas **HALIFAX**

B c1910 (made by **Groves**)

SMITH, William **SHEFFIELD**

The attribution of the mark below is uncertain, as the only known Sheffield saw maker of this name is not known to have been at a Spring Works (but see **Thomas Turton** and **Thomas Hall**).

B c1880

SMYTH Brothers **IPSWICH**

56 &58 Fore Street, St Clements & 9 Cornhill <1900>

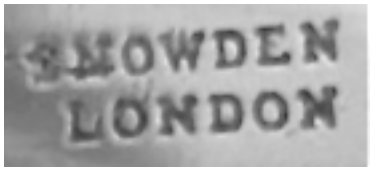
Wholesale & retail ironmongers, electro-plated goods dealers, bar iron merchants, stove & range manufacturers, marble & slate chimney piece importers, depot for oils, colors, brushes etc.

B c1900

SNOWDEN, Fred ***GRIMSBY***

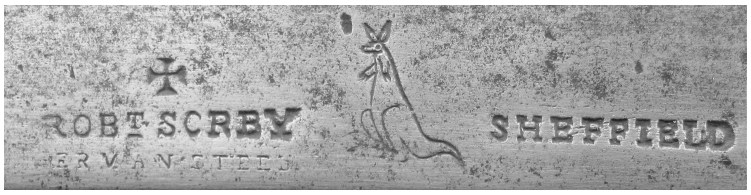
B c1900

SNOWDEN, Isaac ***LONDON***



B c1880

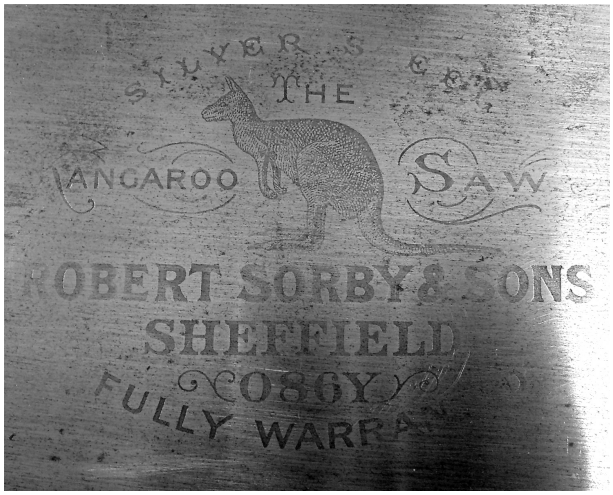
SORBY, Robert & Sons ***SHEFFIELD***



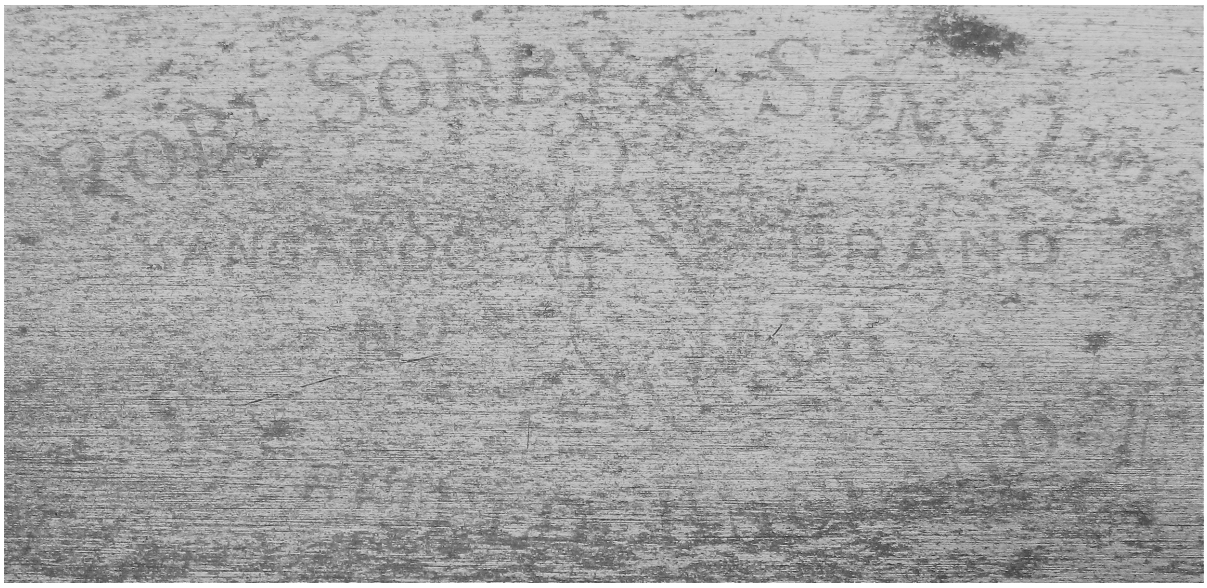
B c1880 57mm

B c1890 55mm

H c1920 *37mm*



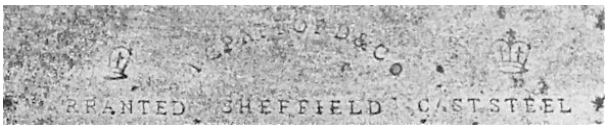
H c1960



B c1930 80mm

SPAFFORD, A. & Co ***SHEFFIELD***

B c1880



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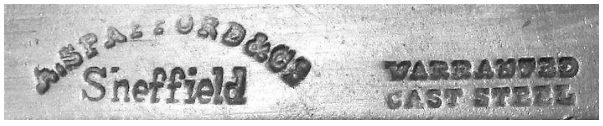


B c1890

SPEAR & JACKSON ***SHEFFIELD***

The first mark was included in the 1st edition dated c1900, but it appears to have also been used much earlier. The first and fifth marks include the words Double Refined, not previously recorded on saws by this firm.

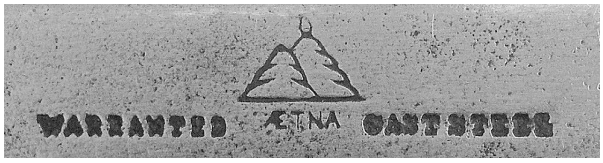
B c1820 83mm

B c1830 17mm

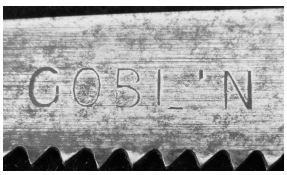
B c1840 45mm

B c1860

H c1860



B c1920



Keyhole saw c1920 19mm

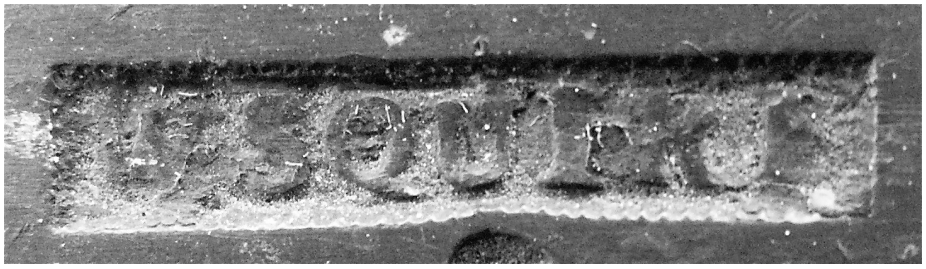
B 1940

H c1930 (made for **G P Preston**) 170mm

SPENCER, William *SHEFFIELD*

A hand saw has been reported of c1930; it strongly resembles one of the same period made by **Taylor Brothers** in overall appearance, black-painted handle, and elaborate etch (too faded to reproduce), and it seems likely that it was made for this firm of file makers by them.

SQUIRE, William **LONDON**


B c1800 16mm

STACEY, James & HANDLEY, Edwin **SHEFFIELD**

Forenames as above can be added to the entry, plus a reference to Handley's entry under his own name.

STALEY, William **SHEFFIELD**

In the first edition he was not listed separately, but only as a partner with Kirjath Maw, under the heading of the Marsden Family. In view of his marking his name alone on saws, he is here listed separately, although his partnership with Maw (q.v.) came first. The partnership of Fenton & Marsden took over his business, in new premises. The second mark shown is unclear, but on balance seems to belong to him, rather than to a W.Stacey; there was more than one Stacey in the metal trades in Sheffield, but none with an initial W has been found.

50 Rockingham Street 1833-1837

Edge tool, joiners' tool, and table knife manufacturer, steel refiner, and merchant.

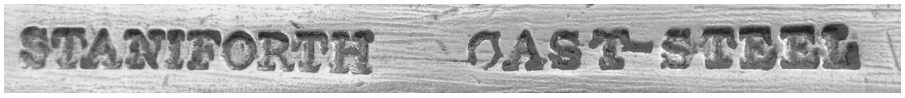
B c1830

B c1830 33mm

STANDERWICK, Harold **BRISTOL**

28 Cowley Street, St Paul <1911>

STANIFORTH & Co **SHEFFIELD**

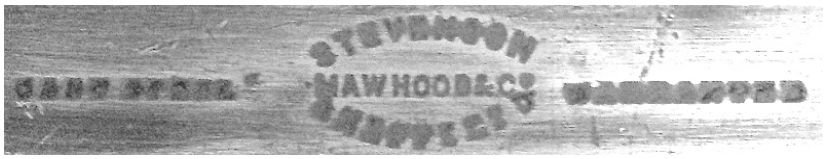


B c1825 46mm

STEVENSON, MAWHOOD & Co **SHEFFIELD**

61 Little Pond Street 1868-1879

Listed as merchants and steel and file manufacturers, this was a continuation of **Stevenson, Greening & Co**; John Parkinson Mawhood was the father of the **Mawhood Brothers** (*q.v.*). The business, which shared its premises with a cutler, would have had its saws factored, and ceased when Mawhood was declared bankrupt, Stevenson having apparently left the partnership by 1874. The Glasgow trade directory for 1879 shows a branch there, perhaps no more than an agency. The backsaw of which the mark is shown here was reported from Australia, where Mawhood had lived for several years until 1864, and where several of his children were born.



B c1870

STICKLAND, E.R. & Son **GILLINGHAM**

Not identified, but evidently tool dealers.

H c1900 (made by **W. Tyzack, Sons & Turner**)

STRAW, Peter **LONDON**

Saffron Hill, his address in 1811, is in Holborn (the modern spelling).

B c1820

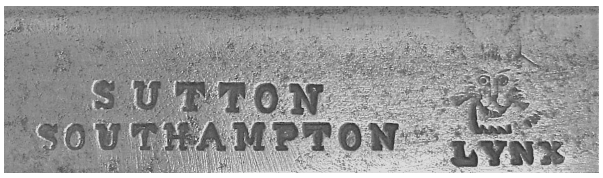
STRAW, William **LONDON**

B c1900

STROTHER, John Flemming & Son **SUNDERLAND**

B c1900

SUTTON, George Hill **SOUTHAMPTON**



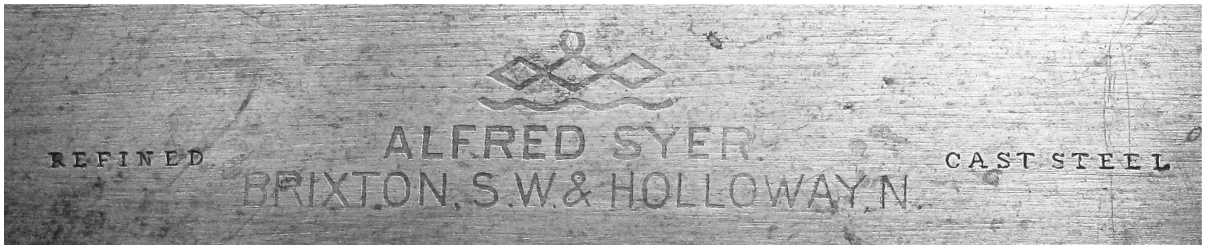
B c1900 (made by **Garlick**)

SWANN, H.H & Son **SHEFFIELD**

B 1936 44mm

SYER, Alfred **LONDON**

Not identified: the nearest name to be found in a limited search of the trade directories is a firm in north London of this name giving their trades as lead, color and window glass manufacturers, paperhangings & sanitary appliances manufacturer: a number of men of this surname but with different first names appear in trades akin to ironmongery in south London in the early 20th century.



H c1910 (made by **Thomas Turner**) 90mm

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TAYLOR Brothers **SHEFFIELD**

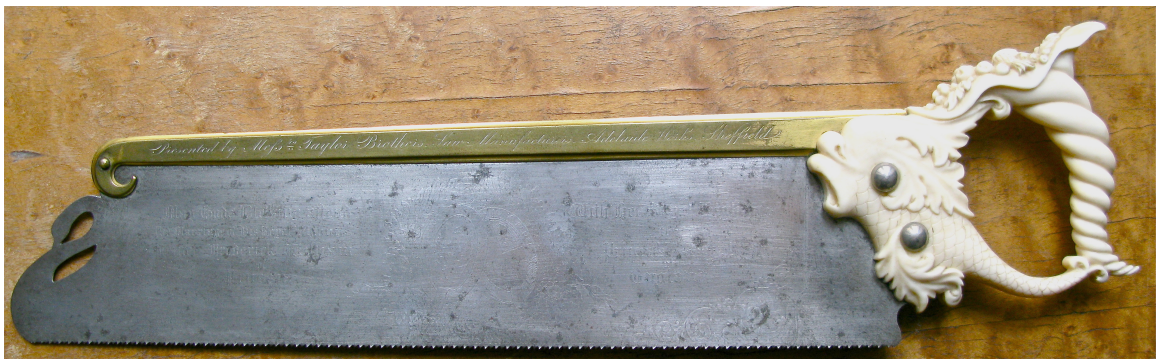
Further information about this important firm in Sheffield's Archives shows that the partnership of the original brothers John and Joseph (senior) was dissolved in 1872, being then composed of Joseph senior and Joseph junior, described as saw and steel manufacturers. The Adelaide Works premises were then the private property of Joseph senior, having passed from the original mortgage taken out by him, his brother John, Michael Ellison, and Joseph Garside.

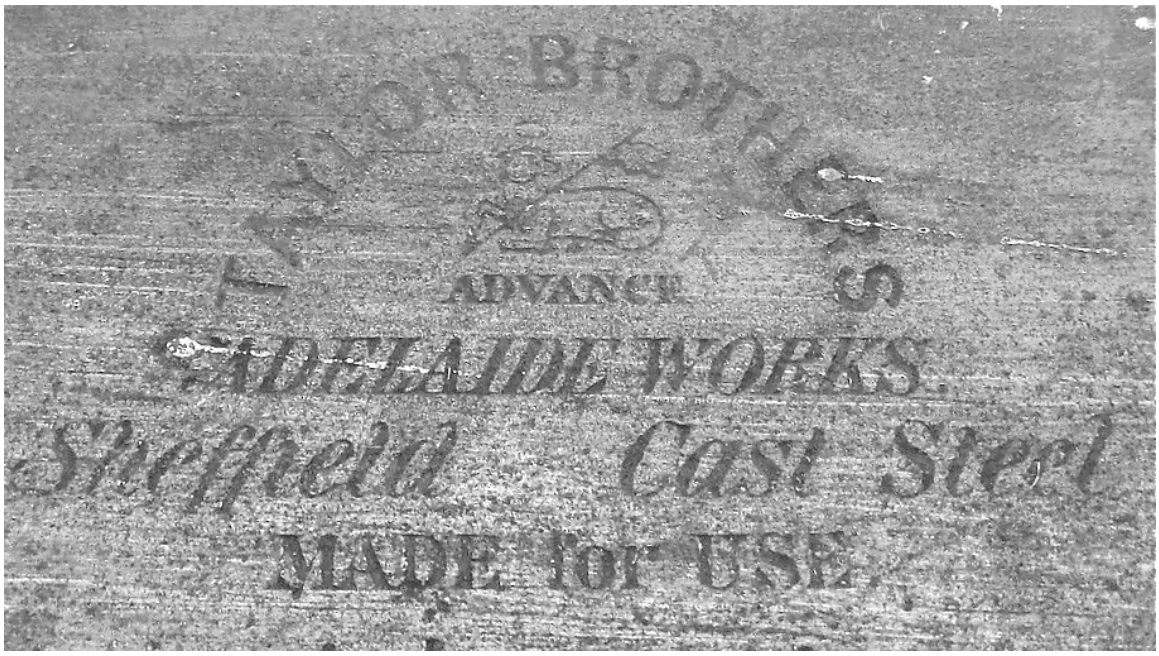
The medallion of c1860 differs from others previously seen in having a halo above the head of the lamb.

The Dearden (*q.v.*) mark is almost certainly a brand of this company: the saw is a cheap back saw, and the style of the mark strongly resembles that of other brands of the firm, but the name is not among the several in the 1890 catalogue. A cheap small grafter was offered at online auction in 2017.

The American locomotive printed design from c1950 shows the very long persistence of this motif, and, compared to the finely etched versions of the 19th century, its degeneration.

The most remarkable saw the firm ever made, illustrated below, was a wedding gift to Princess Victoria and the Crown Prince of Prussia in 1858; the full story of this 12inch back saw and its history up to the present is at http://www.hawleytoolcollection.com/index.php?sheffield-tool=Downloads2#TPATS.

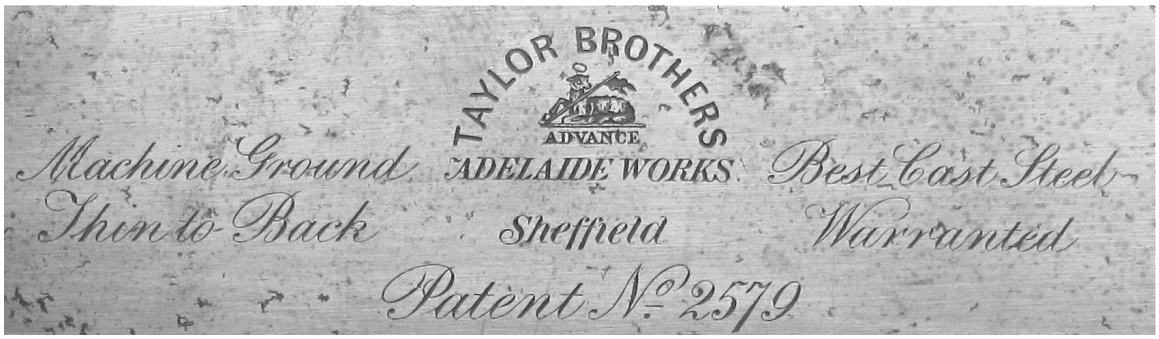




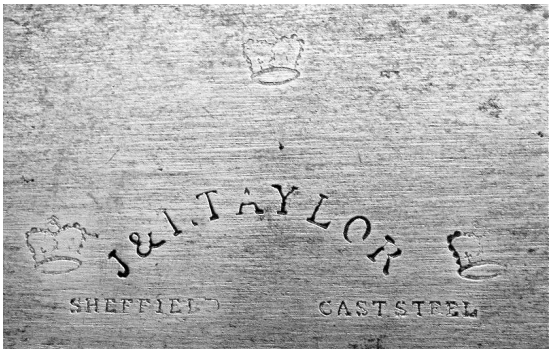
H c1860

H c1860

H c1870



H (patented perforated tooth pattern) c1880 150mm



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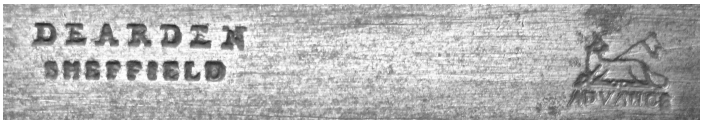

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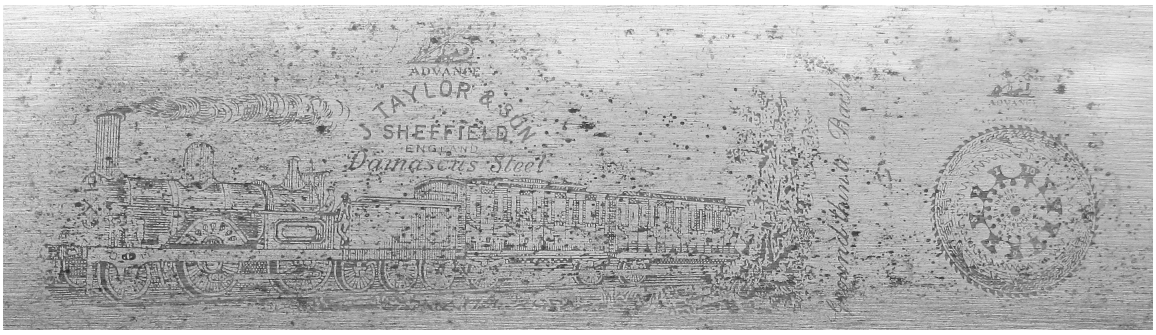


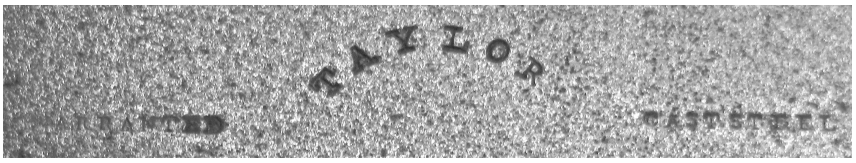
H c1950 230mm

TAYLOR, George Edward **READING**

B c1930 122mm

TAYLOR, (John) Joseph **LONDON**

The attribution of this saw is tentatively made on the basis of its likely date.



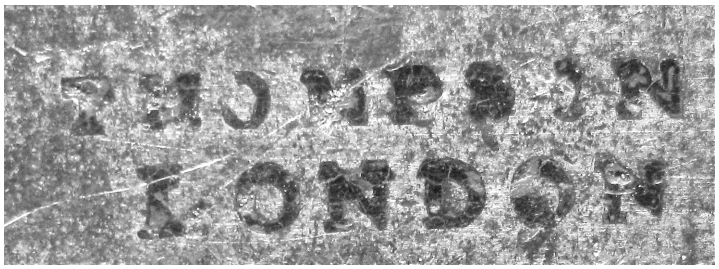
H c1860 70mm

THOMAS & Co

This mark is included to show its identity (on a different type of saw) with the backsaw mark in the first edition, although the maker remains unidentified.

Grafter c1900

THOMPSON, Alexander **LONDON**



B 1850

THOMPSON, S.H.

Not identified; quite possibly a brand name.

B c1880 44mm

THOMPSON, T. **ECCLESTON**

This name is mentioned (p19) in Ashton's *An 18th century industrialist: Peter Stubs of Warrington, 1756-1806)* as a "supplier" of saws and saw blades to Stubs in the 1790s; whether he was a true maker, and whether he marked saws with his name is not known.

THOMPSON, GRIFFIN BEILBY & Co **BIRMINGHAM**

H c1830

THROPP, J.M. & Co **SHEFFIELD**

This firm's close spatial and commercial relationship with George Ibbotson, W.H.Clay and Paramo Tools is shown in this etch, taken from the same kind of cheap saw they all produced, and which could well have been made for them all by Ibbotson, known to have been post-war saw makers; the number 53 appears on several different types of their saws.

H c1970 125mm

TIMPSON LONDON

Not identified: presumably an ironmonger or tool dealer in this suburb.

B c1900 70mm

TINGLE, DRABBLE & SANDERSON SHEFFIELD

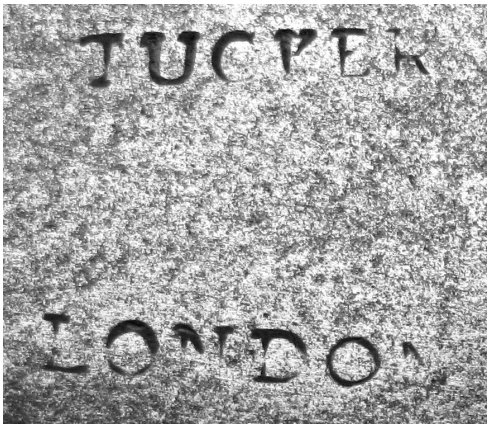
B c1820

TOGA

H c1930

Farmer's saw c1980

TUCKER, Joseph Vincent **LONDON**



H c1870

15mm H c1880

TURNER, James **SHEFFIELD**

This tentative attribution might be correctly assigned to John Turner, of London.

B c1840 19mm

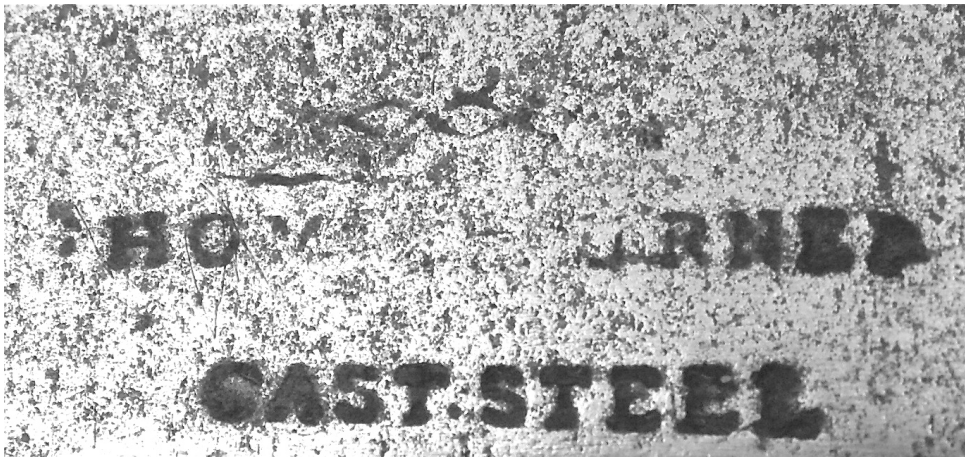
TURNER, James Frederick **BOLTON**

The existence of a branch in Southport is not otherwise recorded.

B c1920 90mm

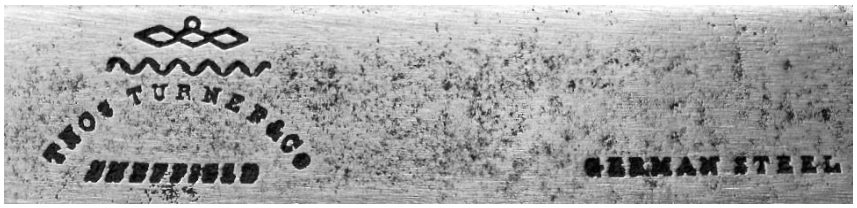
TURNER, Thomas **SHEFFIELD**

These saws are by the firm based in Suffolk Road. The first mark is from the earliest of their output so far recorded. Although not clearly preserved, the second mark, on an iron-backed saw of c1870, is unusual in having the trade mark below the maker's name.

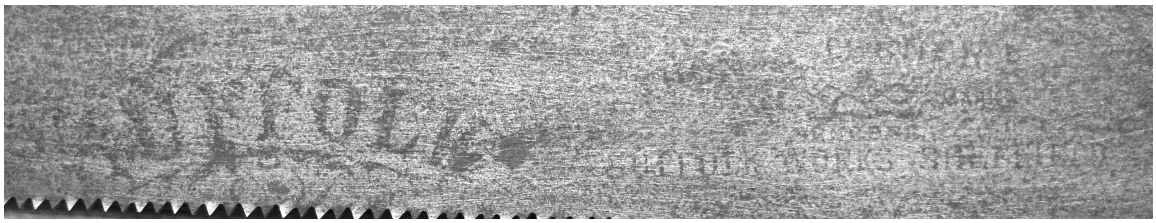


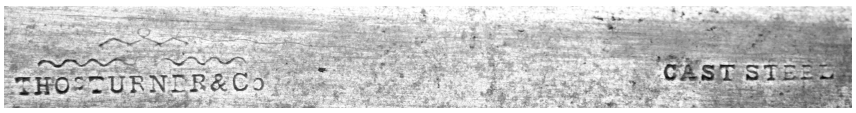
B c1840

B c1870 60mm

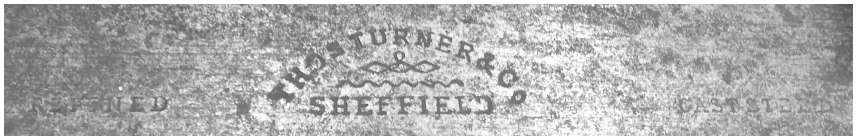


B c1870


H c1890 160mm



B c1890 75mm

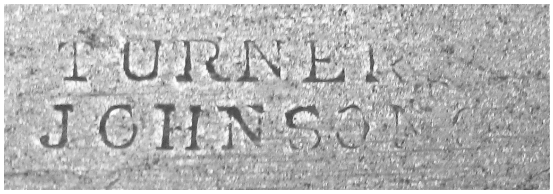


B c1890

TURNER, DAVIES & CO **SHEFFIELD**
The firm's dates can be extended to 1834-1846

B c1840

TURNER, JOHNSON **SHEFFIELD**
The mark shown here is complete, and the attribution to a Sheffield maker is an assumption without confirming documentation; it is possible that one of the Turners was in partnership with one of the many Sheffield Johnsons who feature in saw making.



Keyhole c1850 15mm

TURNER, NAYLOR & Co **SHEFFIELD**

B c1890 80mm

TURNER, YEOMANS & YATES **SHEFFIELD**

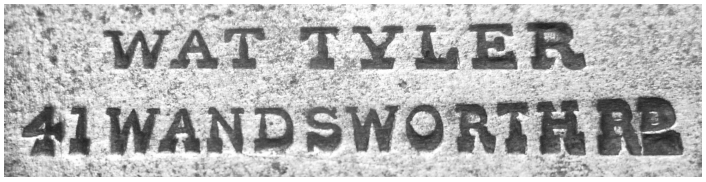
B c1835 55mm

B c1850 58mm

TURTLE, Louis Henry **CROYDON**

B c1900 125mm

TYLER, Wat **LONDON**
41 Wandsworth Road
<1884>
Not identified as a saw maker; a John Tyler was recorded at 41 & 43 Wandsworth road as a rag and metal merchant in the 1884 trade directory, but no other useful record has been discovered, nor anyone of the name on the saw illustrated (the leader of the English Peasants' Revolt of 1381 was called Wat Tyler).

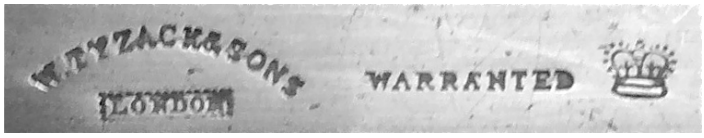


B c1900

TYZACK, Thomas & William **SHEFFIELD**
The mark is from the brass back of a saw re-used (beautifully) by the miniature plane maker, Bill Carter.

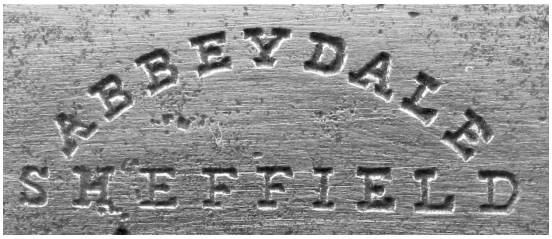
B c1820

TYZACK, William, Sons & Turner **SHEFFIELD**



B c1860

H c1900



B c1910 24mm

H c1910 128mm

H c1920

TYZACK, Joseph & Sons **SHEFFIELD**

The “Valley Saw” brand (3rd mark) was the cheapest the firm ever made, and was marketed for a few years as suitable for making wireless sets (a major craze of the period).

Gent’s saw c1900 28mm

B c1930 120mm

H c1960

See also **G.W.Pape**.

TYZACK, W.A. **SHEFFIELD**

B c1900 68mm

U

UNDERHILL, J.
Not identified. The mark illustrated has apparently been rendered partly illegible.

B c1840

UNDERWOOD **LONDON**
56 Haymarket ?1900
Not identified, but presumably a dealer.
Pruning saw with unique handle shape, which appears to be original.

UNDERWOOD, Thomas **BRADFORD**
A brass-backed saw of c1900 has been reported, made for this firm by **Crownshaw, Chapman**.

URTON, William **CHESTERFIELD**
Correction. The name of the firm was spelled wrongly on p618, and did not include all the firm's addresses and information below.
14 Gluman Gate <1879-
7 West Bars 1891-1899
1910 7 West Bars & Park Road -1910>
1879 & 1891: ironmonger; 1899: ironmonger, plumber, glazier, lead and glass merchant, and agricultural implement dealer etc.

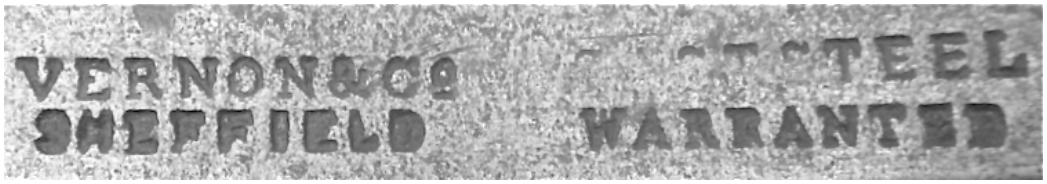
B c1890

V

VARVILL, Robert & Sons **YORK**
Although this firm were pre-eminantly plane makers, they apparently also sold other tools.

H c1900 150mm

VERNON, R. & Sons **SHEFFIELD**



B c1900

W

WADE, WINGFIELD & ROWBOTHAM **SHEFFIELD**

The firm’s dates should be extended back to 1825.

B c1870

See also Rowbotham.

WAGSTAFF & Son **SHEFFIELD**

In 1901 the address in Snow Lane was Court 2.

Wailes, C. **SHEFFIELD**

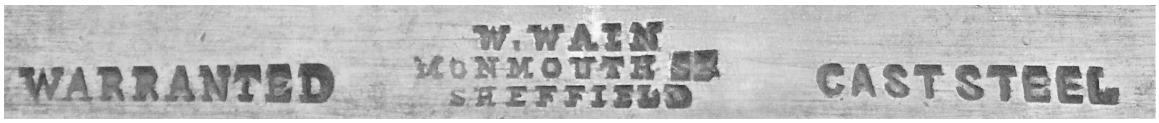
Not identified as a maker, and assumed to be a brand, particularly as the steel is lesser quality.

Keyhole saw c1890

WAIN, William **SHEFFIELD**

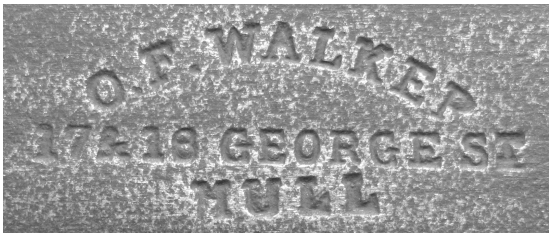
Fitzwilliam Lane	<1896-
38 (back) Monmouth Street	<1901-1906>
38 (back) & 43 Monmouth Street	<1911>
37 Porter Street	<1915>

At different times variously described as a maker of skates, joiners’ tools and edgetools, a grouping of trades often found together in Sheffield; judging by the Monmouth Street address, which was in a court shared with several others of different trades, this was a small-time firm, probably consisting of Wain alone. His saws were sure to have been factored.



B c1910 85mm

WALKER, Oswald Fisher **HULL**



B c1900 37mm

WALKER, Son & TINGLE **SHEFFIELD**

Saw nest c1960 73mm

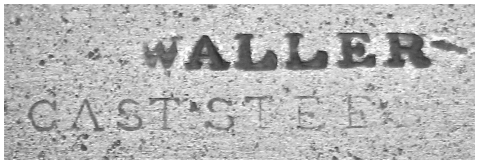
WALL & COOPER **SHEFFIELD**

B c1850 47mm

Waller

Numerous further examples of this brand have shed no further light on where and when it operated.

B c1860 22mm



H c1880 22mm

B c1870 16mm

WALTERS, John & Co **SHEFFIELD**

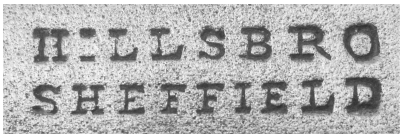
A prominent and possibly (the evidence is not certain) very large firm of cutlers, starting in the 1830s with another firm in Burgess Street and moving alone in 1846 to the Carver Street Works. In 1850 he moved again, into part of the Globe Works of Ibbotson Brothers; in 1862 he was the sole occupant, with a very large transatlantic trade. He declared bankruptcy in 1864, with his marks passing to other cutlery firms. Some of his products, mainly high-class Bowie knives, remain in public collections (TKB). In spite of the firm's size, it is unlikely that it contained a separate saw-making department.

H c1860

WARD, David **SHEFFIELD**

B c1900 31mm

H c1900 20mm



B c1910 23mmm

H c1920 200mm

WARLOW, Robert Henry **BRISTOL**

A backsaw by **Spear & Jackson** of c1900 has been recorded, with an etch indicating that Warlow sold tools with his own name alone from both Bristol and Gloucester (see also **Warlow & Rich**).

WATTS, John **SHEFFIELD**

43 Lambert Street 1951-1974>

Cutlers. A butcher’s saw of c1970 with a lurid green plastic handle has been reported.

WAXMAN, Reuben **LONDON**

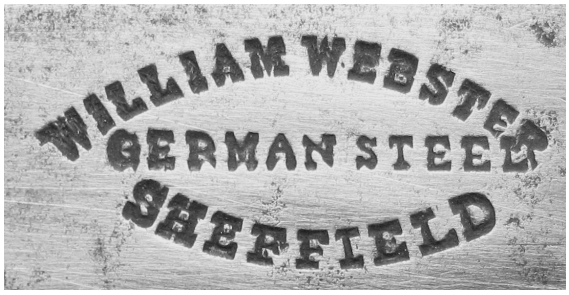
B c1920

WEBSTER, William **SHEFFIELD**

The second mark, from a blade missing its handle, can only be assumed to be by this maker.

Gent's saw c1860 82mm

H c1870



B c1890 25mm

WEBSTER & JOHNSON **SHEFFIELD**

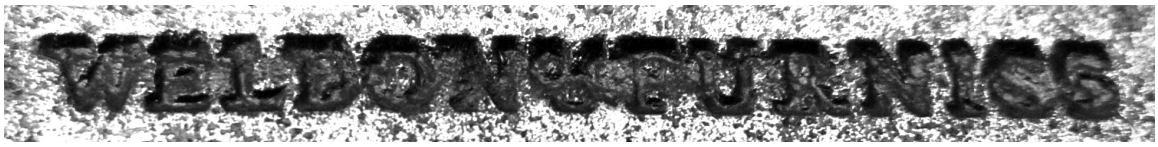
B c1850 85mm [owner's name struck in the centre]

WELDON, FURNISS & Co **SHEFFIELD**

The first mark is placed under this manufacturing firm, rather than Bishop, Weldon & Carr, but this attribution may not be correct, and it is possible that Weldon, an edge tool maker in his own right, may have produced saws at that time. See also Joseph Wilson.

B c1800

B c1810 40mm



B c1820 25mm

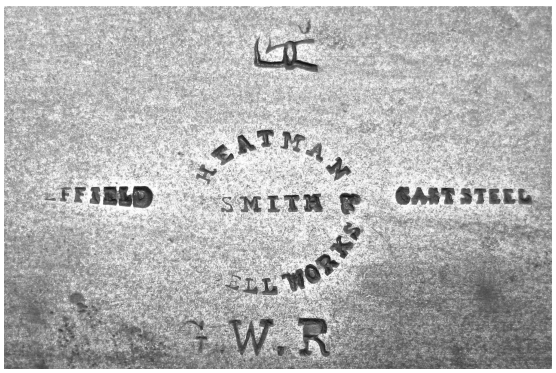
WHARTON & EYRE **SHEFFIELD**
67 Carver Street 1828
A second quality handsaw of appropriate date has been reported on backsaw.net, but the mark is not very clear; it probably reads Wharton & Eyre/German Steel and has three crowns.

WHEATCROFT, John & Sons **SHEFFIELD**
This is the first "royal" mark (WR, with crown) recorded which is for William IV (1830-1837), rather than the common VR for his successor; it does not signify genuine royal approval any more than does VR.

B c1830 20mm

WHEATMAN & SMITH **SHEFFIELD**

B c1890 130mm



H c1890 55mm (made for the Great Western Railway)

Whitmore

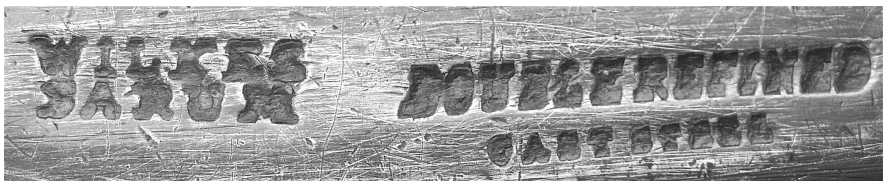
B c1930

WILCOCK, Benjamin & John **SHEFFIELD**

This medallion is on a very cheap saw marked with the name **W.B.Bales**, a Chesterfield ironmonger (*q.v.*)

H c1910 21mm

WILKES, John **SALISBURY**



B c1880 43mm

WILKINSON, John **LONDON**

It is likely, but far from certain, that this saw is by this maker.

H c1890

WILKINSON, W. **SHEFFIELD**

Not identified. There was an old-established firm of cutlers, William Wilkinson, of Grimesthorpe (a Sheffield village), which may have factored this backsaw.

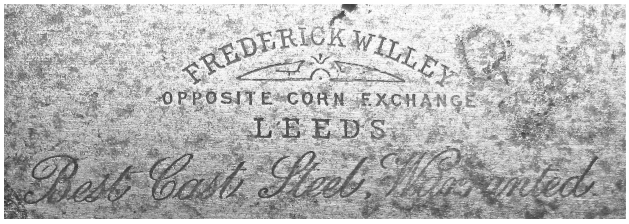
B c1890 58mm

WILKINSON CUTHBERT **SHEFFIELD**
Not identified.

B c1930

WILLETTS, John **WEDNESBURY**
Wednesbury Forge <1726-1794>
Sawmaker, known only from a 19th century history of this town. He was succeeded by other men of the same surname, and in the 1790s there was a partnership with Holden. By 1794 the premises had turned over to making gun barrels, no doubt a more profitable trade during the Napoleonic wars. No saws have been so far recorded.

WILLEY, Frederick **LEEDS**
The mark below is in the style of **W.Tyzack, Sons & Turner**, by whom it was made.



H c1890 82mm (detail)

WILLIAMS, Thomas **LONDON**
A catalogue from 1905 (complete with blood stains) claiming establishment in 1765 can be viewed at
http://www.herberthistory.co.uk/userdata/files/thomas_williams_catalogue_may_1905.pdf

The firm was clearly a very large one, with a huge range of tools and machinery for the meat trades.

WILLIAMS, T. **SHEFFIELD**

B c1900 25mm

WILLIAMS
It is impossible to assign this mark to any of the many makers of this surname.

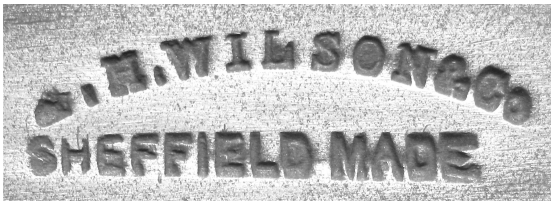
B c1890

WILLIS, Henry **SHEFFIELD**
Carlton Steel Works, Mill Lane, Ecclesall Road <1863-1864>
Steel converter and refiner. There is no documented indication that the firm made saws, but it was very common for steel makers to combine the two trades, even if the saws were factored, a supposition made more likely when the firm, as in this case, did not choose to list its name with the saw makers. No firm in Sheffield of this period appeared to contain a George Willis, and this saw has accordingly been placed here; the supposition may not be correct, and the name could well have been adopted for a brand.

Bc1880 66mm

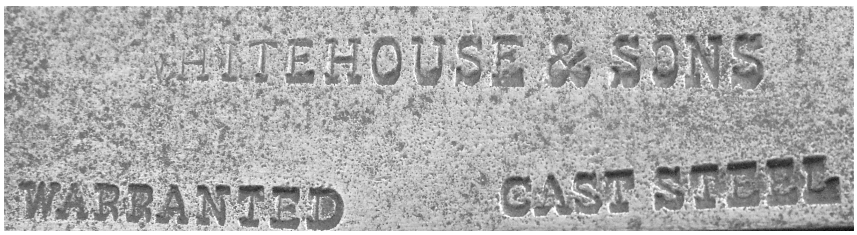
WILSON, Thomas Holy & Co Ltd **SHEFFIELD**
Boston Street <1905->
According to Tweedale (TKB), this man operated a short-lived cutlery firm, with strong links to Canada, where he died in 1925. His name does not appear in the 1911 Sheffield directory in Boston Street.

B c1930 35mm



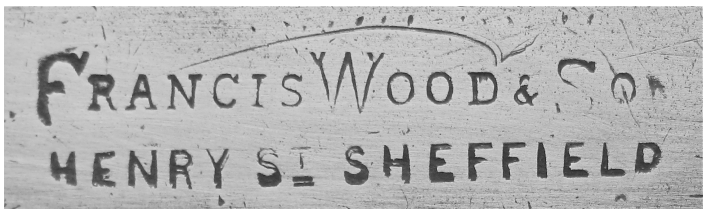
B c1920 35mm

WHITEHOUSE, Joseph **BIRMINGHAM**



B c1900 55mm

WOOD, Francis & Son(s) **SHEFFIELD**

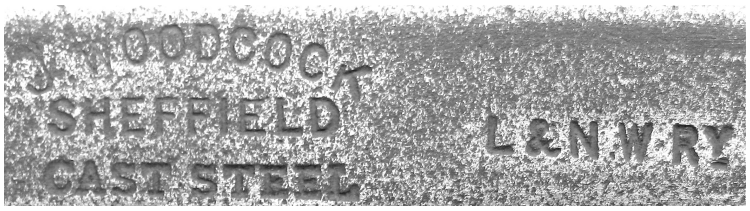


B c1880 34mm

B c1890

Woodcock, J

Not identified, and possibly a brand. The saw was made for the London and North Western Railway company.



B c1910 57mm

WOODHOUSE, John & Co **SHEFFIELD**

It is assumed that this man was a partner in both the **Carr, Woodhouse & Carr** business and the **Woodhouse & Caterer**. The directories do not give a business address for him alone, and it is likely that saws were made with the mark below at about the same time that he was in the above partnerships.

B c1830

WOODHOUSE, John & CATERER **SHEFFIELD**

The hyphen is in place of the more commoner full stop between the words Cast and Steel.

B c1840 32mm

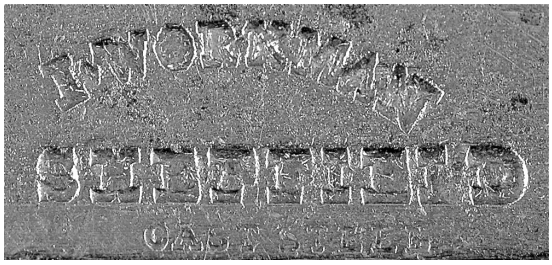
WOOLHOUSE Brothers **SHEFFIELD**

B c1860 29mm

WOOLLIN (WOOLLEN), John **SHEFFIELD**
71 West Bar Green <1823-
1827
Merchant, and manufacturer of “strong plated goods”, table knives etc.
The mark illustrated is from an unusually early example of this kind of factoring of saws for a merchant.

B c1825

Workman, I.
In the absence of any documented person who might have made this saw, the name is assumed to be that of a brand.


B c1870

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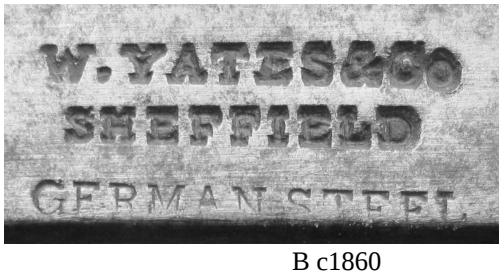
YATES & WOOD **SHEFFIELD**



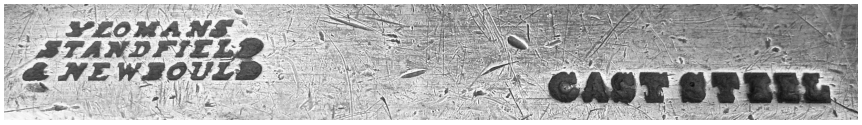
B c1860

27mm B c1880

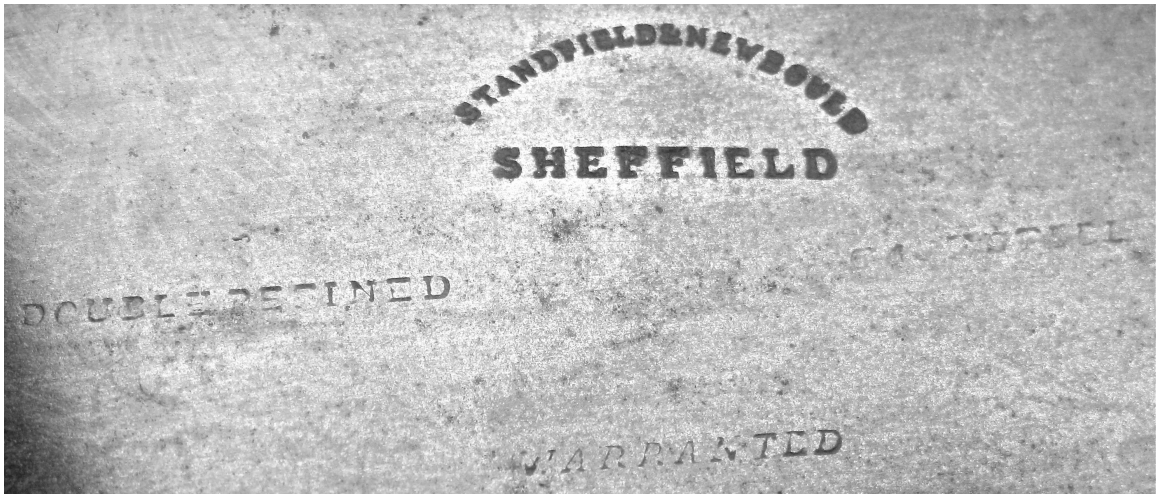
H c1900 75mm

YEOMANS, YATES & STANDFIELD SHEFFIELD

The inclusion of Johnson (see the second mark) in this series of partnerships is not documented elsewhere; it is possible that he was the saw maker **Samuel Johnson** (Gibraltar Street in the 1820s).



B c1840 46mm



H c1850 74mm

B c1850

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ZELUS **SHEFFIELD**

B c1960